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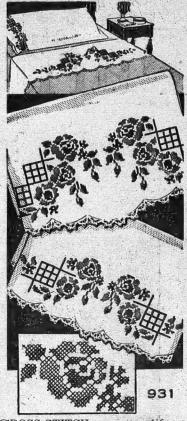
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# Farm and Ranch Review Editorials

# That We Love One Another

And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou?

And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shall live.

But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?

And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him.

And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.

Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?

And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise. Those interests exist now. They want our oil, our iron ore, our strategic minerals, our forest products, and our uranium. They know that they will find it difficult if not impossible to get their investments out of Canada unless they can be moved freely into the United States. Other interests in the United States would oppose entry of Canadian goods. But the time to achieve a Customs Union is when we have a large and influential group inside the United States who will press for it. Once they have exhausted our oil resources, our iron ore and our other minerals their interest will disappear.

We've Got Allies

We have got potential allies in the United States now. Not only in the owners of our oil but in the owners of our new iron deposits in Quebec and Labrador. And if we take time out to hammer home the facts of life in Canada to the American owners of \$4 billions worth of branch factories, we can acquire more allies.

A Customs Union will mean lower prices in Canada for the things we buy, and it will mean participation in the American market for things we sell, our natural products as well as our manufactured goods. Eventually our exports will exceed our imports. We will then build up a surplus that will enable us to repay the American investment in Canada.

Above all, a Customs Union will awaken Canadian enterprises to the risking of capital at home and across the line. We have no fears about Canadian ability to compete and survive and prosper. But under almost a century of protectionism it has not had to struggle to survive. It has not had to be vigorous, alert and active. There have been times when it seemed to function just as well when sound asleep.

# Let's negotiate a Customs Union while we still have some resources

HAS the incessant repetition of a singing commercial ever given you an urge to attack your radio with a meat axe? You'll understand how we are beginning to feel about the dunderheads who keep repeating that discovery of huge oil resources in Alberta has helped solve our American dollar shortage.

That dollar shortage bears directly upon every producer of food on the prairies. Because it does, we have no need to apologize to anyone for writing about it so often and at such length. Until some method is discovered to more nearly balance British and Canadian imports and exports to the United States, Canadian agriculture will live in a continuing crisis. And when, through stupidity or intent, an effort is made to becloud the thinking of our producers it's our business.

What are the facts? In the past two years far more than a billion barrels of oil have been proven up in Alberta. Title to that oil has been alienated to American oil companies. They own it. To profit from it they must either sell it in Canada and export their dollars or they must export the oil. In either case, there is an adverse balance in the American dollar account for Canada.

If the oil is exported, the dollars paid for it in the United States belong to the American companies in the United States who own the oil. If it is sold in Canada for Canadian dollars, we must provide the American owners of these Canadian dollars with American dollars to export to their home offices. Of course if the ownership of these oil resources had remained in Canada, none of this would be true.

It is obvious of course, that some easement of the current problem results from the increased use of Canadian oil in Canada. We save, temporarily, some \$60,000,000 in American funds that we would otherwise have had to use to import American oil. But in accomplishing that we have acquired a lia-

bility to American oil companies in American funds of upwards of \$1,000,000,000 for the oil discovered but not yet produced. That liability grows as more oil is discovered. Indeed today some experts put the figure at over \$2 billions.

The Primrose Path

One of the reasons why we have such a whopping dollar deficit in American funds today is because Governments in the past encouraged American investment in Canadian plants. The original investment of American capital in oil development in Canada has been repaid many times over in dividends. At the same time profits from Canadian operations have been plowed back in. And all this has multiplied Canada's liability in American dollars for the future.

Let's take a hypothetical case. An American oil company started investing in Canáda 40 years ago. It brought in, say, a grand total of \$40,000,000 in American funds. But through the years it has paid back into the United States a total of \$150,000,000 in dividends. At the same time it has built up its Canadian assets to \$150,000,000. The American stockholders of that company have a claim on Canada for that many American dollars. They brought \$40 millions in. They will ultimately take \$300 millions out. We have lost \$6 for every \$1 brought in.

All this brings us to the one particular point. If we are to maintain our standard of life we have got to more nearly balance our American trade, not by restricting imports but by a vast increase in exports. That can only be done by some such instrument as a Customs Union. But such a union can only be achieved if conditions are right for it. In short, we should press for such a union while we have things to export that Americans want, and while there are substantial interests in the United States who want our exports.

# Coarse grain prices again

WHEN the prices of coarse grains rose last month, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture got quite excited and started waving its arms around. That, we can understand. Dominated as it is by eastern farmers, the interests of eastern farmers seemed to be threatened. So there was a suggestion that an inquiry should be launched as to why prices went up.

What had happened was simple. American feeders and brewers had come into the Canadian market for supplies. The discount on Canadian dollars, for example, made Canadian prices attractive. And there were other factors so the prices rose.

This was eminently satisfactory for Western farmers who felt all along that coarse grain prices were too low. But as the rise increased the costs of eastern feeders they were understandably provoked.

The moral to be drawn from all this has been drawn before. You can have producers' boards. You can have consumers' boards. But when you try to set up a board that will market food to the satisfaction of both producers and consumers you will please no one. Our farmers who understand this clearly wanted the Wheat Board

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# Farm and Ranch Review Editorials

#### Free enterprise and price fixing

THERE are elements of real tragedy in the row that led to the resignation of Mr. Fred McGregor as Combines Commissioner. Mr. McGregor was, comparatively, a very rare bird indeed. He believed in free enterprise capitalism and that enterprise should be free, enterprising and competitive. Far too much of our praising of free enterprise comes from service club orators who are devoting their time to avoiding competition and enterprise.

Mr. McGregor had dedicated himself to forcing competitors to compete, to the protection of Canadian consumers against price fixing by cartels, trade associations or patent combines. The awful magnitude of the job never seemed to discourage him, nor dull his belief that competition could be made the life of trade. He was surely the right man for the job. His resignation, and the departure of his chief aides, will seriously handicap the department for a long time to come. And we'd say all this even if we were not heavily on the side of Mr. McGregor in his argument with the Government.

It may be that fighting combines in Canada is a losing game. Certainly it is most difficult to attack them when so many of their conspiracies are effected by word of mouth agreements in head offices in the United States. And in Canada the general trend seems to be toward price fixing by association or group. Indeed the laws of the provinces and municipalities often seem directed to creating the very conditions the Combines Investigation Act was intended to combat.

A farmer on the prairies, for example, will probably encounter a dozen different combines if he decides to build himself a new house. There are the lumber yards that use identical price lists. If he tries to buy and install his own plumbing equipment he will encounter endless trouble. So called safety codes will prevent his installing his own wiring — an operation so simple that any child can master it in a few hours. He will encounter trades unions that have ridiculous limits on the amount of work their members can do in an hour. He will discover prices and wages fixed by cartel deals all over the place.

If he insures the house in course of construction he will discover the rates are fixed by agreement. The same applies to the insurance he carries on his truck that hauls the supplies. Free competition in price simply does not apply in the building supply field.

Yet though he is ham-strung and frustrated at every turn, the producer has somehow become the butt of all the criticism of a non-enterprising economy. If, by collective action, our producers seek to safeguard even a segment of their own standard of living from violent fluctuations, they are attacked on all sides.

During the war, for example, our price ceiling policies cost the farmers untold millions in lost income. They were promised that the producers would not suffer for the wartime sacrifices. To keep that pledge the Government during the past summer bought surplus butter. To some newspapers that was regarded as a crime against humanity.

What it has come down to is that it is right and proper for everybody else to price fix, cartelize and restrain trade to their heart's content, so long as the farmer is subjected to all the stresses and impacts of the competitive price economy.

Mr. McGregor never took that view. It was no secret that he regarded the whole wartime price-fixing programme with unmixed alarm. And as soon as the war ended he tried to get the economy switched onto another track. It was a job of global magnitude. What must have been galling beyond endurance was the fact that the same Government, which encouraged him to proceed vigorously, suppressed his report on the milling industry, a report that was only blasted into public light by Mr. McGregor's resignation.

The whole episode reflects no credit on the Government. The sooner it recognizes that fact the better. We don't concede that forcing our competitive system to compete is a forlorn hope. Cartels which stifle competition will eventually smother the economy. If it is price fixing that is wanted, if it is a nice neat system of stagnating enterprise that is desired, let's leave it to the Socialists who will carry it to its logical conclusion - a single cartel operated by the state! After all, if we are going to have to live under Socialism, we might as well have the real thing, not the synthetic type organized in a back room by people who call themselves Free-Enterprisers, and to whom real treedom of enterprise is ana-

#### Let's ask the farmer

THE Western Canada Weed Control conference at Edmonton in November was most valuable. Our news columns in January will carry a full report on all the facts now available on 2,4-D and weed control. In the meantime, however, we have an immediate comment.

In the interest of all concerned the time has arrived for a change of emphasis at these weed conferences. Until now, understandably, the delegates have been mainly technical people and representatives of chemical firms and machinery makers. The problem of chemical weed control, in the beginning, was largely technical. It isn't any more.

The proceedings quickly revealed a

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to function as their marketing agent. The Board has adopted the policy of trying to get the best possible price for the producers. The fact that the Winnipeg futures market went up should not be allowed to becloud the issue. The price would have advanced with the increased American demand regardless of the futures market.

This isn't the first time that eastern and western interests have met head on in the C.F.A. But it does demonstrate again the basic weakness of the argument that eastern and western farmers have a community of mutual interests.

striking omission — the lack of adequate representation of the farmers who use the stuff. Statistical information was inadequate, to say the least. In some cases it was confined largely to hearsay — what some farmers said to some Ag-Reps.

To really test the efficacy of 2,4-D and other chemicals, it is essential now to get the farmers interested. That can best be done, of course, by getting the Prairie Wheat Pools to marshall their organizations behind weed control first and to gather factual material later. There may be some resistance to this for the Line Elevator Companies seemed to have an inside track at the conference and the Pools were otherwise engaged. Until the experiences of the farmers themselves are drawn upon for a factual basis for judgments, much of the work on weed control will be ineffectual.

Equally important, obviously, is the need for a great deal of fundamental research—laboratory work by scientists to discover just what 2,4-D does to the root systems of weeds and cereals. That applies with equal force to the weeds that are immune as to weeds that are susceptible to 2,4-D.

To illustrate the difficulty that arises from lack of information and basic research — consider Wild Oats and Mustard. It has been noticed, occasionally, that when Mustard is eliminated Wild Oats increase their infestation. Is that unusual, or is it something to be generally expected? Nobody knows. On Mustard, 2,4-D stimulates plant

growth until the weed grows itself to death. Does the chemical have any effect on Wild Oats at all? Does it perhaps stimulate the growth but not to the lethal stage? There is no evidence whatever that it does. But, again, we cannot be sure until the plant laboratories have done a thorough, an exhaustive research job.

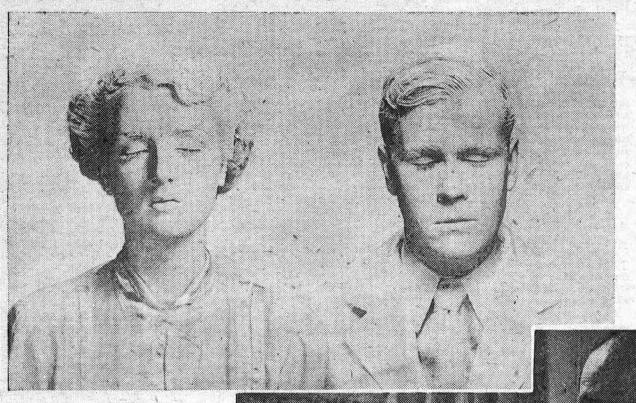
We have learned much about chemical herbicides in the last two years. We will learn a lot more if we can get the farmers' organizations interested in one of the West's most pressing problems.

# Manitoba's Political Kigmies

SPEAKING of American dollars, somebody down in Manitoba ought to collect a couple of million by suing Mr. Al. Capp, the cartoonist creator of Li'l Abner for patent infringement. He has made quite a thing out of his Kigmies, the creatures whose sole function in life is to be on the receiving end of swift kicks. Manitoba had its Kigmy population long before Mr. Capp ever thought of the idea. Only in Manitoba they are called Tories or Coalition Conservatives. Their only function is to act as cushions to ease the task of government for Mr. Campbell and his Liberal party. And judging from the recent election returns, the cushions are wearing very well

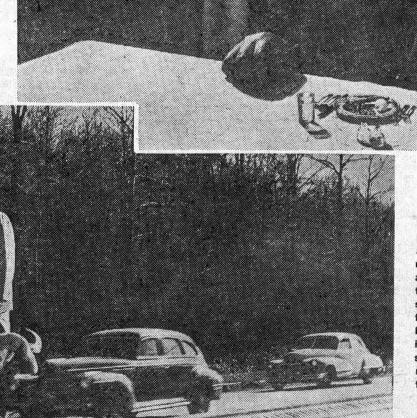
# How The World Seems —TO BLIND PEOPLE

These striking pictures were first published in the International Harvester Co. magazine, "The Harvester", to whom we are indebted for permission to reprint them in the Farm and Ranch Review.



Blind people imagine their friends as having identical, mask-like expressions. Since facial characteristics are not apparent to the touch, they cannot "visualize" frowns, smiles or expressive eyes. Neither can they understand why a man's face and shirt seem a different tone — since both are called white. Blind persons who later regained their sight have provided investigators with this unusual information.

A square meal as imagined by a blind man, looks like this. He does not seem to realize how much the average person eats. One blind man, whose sight had been restored, had an attack of nausea when he saw the "mountain of food" that was placed before him.



All cars are bantam-size in the world of the blind. A blind person who regains his sight is astounded at the size of the modern automobile. Most imagine them to be about one-third of their actual size. The size of large articles is difficult for a blind person to imagine, because comparisons are lacking. To those with newborn sight, a ride in a car travelling more than 20 miles an hour is a terrifying experience.

# The Gift of the Magi

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By O. HENRY

ONE dollar and eighty-seven cents. That was all. And sixty cents of it was in pennies. Pennies saved one and two at a time by bulldozing the grocer and the vegetable man and the butcher until one's cheeks burned with the silent imputation of parsimony that such close dealing implied. Three times Della counted it. One dollar and eighty-seven cents. And the next day would be Christmas.

There was clearly nothing shabby little couch and howl. S the moral reflection that life is made up of sobs, sniffles, and smiles, with sniffles predominating.

While the mistress of the home is gradually subsiding from the first stage to the second, take a look at the home. A furnished flat at \$8 per week. It did not exactly beggar description, but it certainly had that word on the lookout for the mendicancy squad.

In the vestibule below was a letter-box into which no letter would go, and an electric button from which no mortal finger could coax a ring. Also appertaining thereunto was a card bearing the name "Mr. James Dillingham Young."

The "Dillingham" had been flung to the breeze during a former period of prosperity when its possessor was being paid \$30 per week. Now, when the income was shrunk to \$20, the letters of "Dillingham" looked blurred, as though they were thinking seriously of contracting to a modest and unassuming D. But whenever Mr. James Dillingham Young came home and reached his flat above he was called "Jim" and greatly hugged by Mrs. James Dillingham Young, already introduced to you as Della. Which is all very good.

Della finished her cry and attended to her cheeks with the powder rag. She stood by the window and looked out dully at a grey cat walking a grey fence in a grey backyard. Tomorrow would be Christmas Day, and she had only \$1.87 with which to buy Jim a present. She had been saving every penny she could for months, with this result. Twenty dollars a week doesn't go far. Expenses had been greater than she had calculated. Expenses had They always are. Only \$1.87 to buy a present for Jim. Her Jim. Many a happy hour she had spent planning for something nice for him. Something fine and rare and sterling — something just a little bit near to being worthy of the honour of being owned by Jim.

There was a pier-glass between the windows of the room. Perhaps you have seen a pier-glass in an \$8 flat. A very thin and very agile person may, by observing his reflection in a rapid sequence of longitudinal strips, obtain a fairly accurate conception of his looks. Della, being slender, had mastered the art.

Suddenly she whirled from the window and stood before the glass. Her eyes were shining brilliantly, but her face had lost its colour within twenty seconds. Rapidly she pulled down her hair and let it fall to its full length.

Now, there were two possessions of the James Dillingham Youngs in which they both took a mighty pride. One was Jim's gold watch that had been his father's and his grandfather's. The other was Della's hair. Had the Queen of Sheba lived in the flat across the airshaft, Della would have

There was clearly nothing to do but flop down on the shabby little couch and howl. So Della did it. Which instigates

let her hair hang out the window some day to dry just to depreciate Her Majesty's jewels and gifts. Had King Solomon been the janitor, with all his treasures piled up in the basement, Jim would have pulled out his watch every time he passed, just to see him pluck at his beard from envy.

So now Della's beautiful hair fell about her, rippling and shining like a cascade of brown waters. It reached below her knee and made itself almost a garment for her. And then she did it up again nervously and quickly. Once she faltered for a minute and stood still while a tear or two splashed on the worn red carpet.

On went her old brown jacket; on went her old brown hat. With a whirl of skirts and with the brilliant sparkle still in her eyes, she fluttered out the door and down the stairs to the street.

Where she stopped the sign read: "Mme. Sofronie. Hair goods of all kinds." One flight up Della ran, and collected herself, panting. Madame, large, too white, chilly, hardly looked the "Sofronie."

"Will you buy my hair?" asked Della.

"I buy hair," said Madame. "Take yer hat off and let's have a sight at the looks of it."

Down rippled the brown cascade.

"Twenty dollars," said Madame, lifting the mass with a practised hand.
"Give it to me guisk" said Dollars.

"Give it to me quick," said Della.

Oh, and the next two hours tripped by on rosy wings. Forget the hashed metaphor. She was ransacking the stores for Jim's present.

She found it at last. It surely had ously. been made for Jim and no one else. There was no other like it in any of the stores, and and she had turned all of them inside out. It was a plat-inum fob chain simple and chaste in design, properly proclaiming its value by substance alone and not by meretricious ornamentation - as all good things should do. It was even worthy of The Watch. As soon as she saw it she knew that it must be Jim's. It was like him. Quietness and value — the description applied to Twenty-one dollars they took from her for it, and she hurried home with the 87 cents. With that chainon his watch Jim might be properly anxious about the time in any com-Grand as the watch was, he sometimes looked at it on the sly on account of the old leather strap that he used in place of a chain.

When Della reached home her intoxication gave way a little to prudence and reason. She got out her curling irons and lighted the gas and went to work repairing the ravages made by generosity added to love. Which is always a tremendous task, dear friends—a mammoth task.

Within forty minutes her head was covered with tiny, close-lying curls that made her look wonderfully like a truant schoolboy. She looked at her reflection in the mirror long, carefully, and critically.

"If Jim doesn't kill me," she said to herself, "before he takes a second look at me, he'll say I look like a Coney Island chorus girl. But what could I do—oh! what could I do with a dollar and eighty-seven cents?"

At 7 o'clock the coffee was made and the frying-pan was on the back of the stove hot and ready to cook the chops.

Jim was never late. Della doubled the fob chain in her hand and sat on the corner of the table near the door that he always entered. Then she heard his step on the stair away down on the first flight, and she turned white for just a moment. She had a habit of saying little silent prayers about the simplest everyday things, and now she whispered, "Please, God, make him think I am still pretty."

The door opened and Jim stepped in and closed it. He looked thin and very serious. Poor fellow, he was only twenty-two — and to be burdened with a family! He needed a new overcoat and he was without gloves.

Jim stopped inside the door, as immovable as a setter at the scent of quail. His eyes were fixed upon Della, and there was an expression in them that she could not read, and it terrified her. It was not anger, nor surprise, nor disapproval, nor horror, nor any of the sentiments that she had been prepared for. He simply stared at her fixedly with that peculiar expression on his face.

Della wriggled off the table and went for him.

"Jim, darling," she cried, "don't look at me that way. I had my hair cut off and sold it because I couldn't have lived through Christmas without giving you a present. It'll grow out again — you won't mind, will you? I just had to do it. My hair grows awfully fast. Say 'Merry Christmas!' Jim, and let's be happy. You don't know what a nice — what a beautiful, nice gift I've got for you."

"You've cut off your hair?" asked Jim, laboriously, as if he had not arrived at that patent fact yet even after the hardest mental labour.

"Cut it off and sold it," said Della.
"Don't you like me just as well, anyhow? I'm me without my hair, ain't I?"

Jim looked about the room curiously.

"You say your hair is gone?" he said, with an air almost of idiocy.

"You needn't look for it," said Della.
"It's sold, I tell you — sold and gone,
too. It's Christmas Eve, boy. Be
good to me, for it went for you.
Maybe the hairs of my head were
numbered," she went on with a sudden serious sweetness, "but nobody
could ever count my love for you.
Shall I put the chops on, Jim?"

Out of his trance Jim seemed quickly to wake. He enfolded his Della. For ten seconds let us regard with discreet scrutiny some inconsequential object in the other direction. Eight dollars a week or a million a year — what is the difference? A mathematician or a wit would give you the wrong answer. The magi brought valuable gifts, but that was not among them. This dark assertion will be illuminated later on.

Jim drew a package from his overcoat pocket and threw it upon the table.

"Don't make any mistake, Dell," he said, "about me. I don't think there's anything in the way of a haircut or a shave or a shampoo that could make me like my girl any less. But if you'll unwrap that package you may see why you had me going a while at first."

White fingers and nimble tore at the string and paper. And then an ecstatic scream of joy; and then, alas! a quick feminine change to hysterical tears and wails, necessitating the immediate employment of all the comforting powers of the lord of the flat

For there lay The Combs — the set of combs, side and back, that Della had worshipped for long in a Broadway window. Beautiful combs, pure tortoise shell, with jewelled rims — just the shade to wear in the beautiful vanished hair. They were expensive combs, she knew, and her heart had simply craved and yearned over them without the least hope of possession. And now, they were hers, but the tresses that should have adorned the coveted adornments were gone.

But she hugged them to her bosom, and at length she was able to look up with dim eyes and a smile and say: "My hair grows so fast, Jim!"

And then Della leaped up like a little singed cat and cried, "Oh, oh!"

Jim had not yet seen his beautiful present. She held it out to him eagerly upon her open palm. The dull precious metal seemed to flash with a reflection of her bright and ardent spirit.

"Isn't it a dandy, Jim? I hunted all over town to find it. You'll have to look at the time a hundred times a day now. Give me your watch. I want to see how it looks on it."

Instead of obeying, Jim tumbled down on the couch and put his hands under the back of his head and smiled.

"Dell," said he, "let's put our Christmas presents away and keep 'em a while. They're too nice to use just at present. I sold the watch to get the money to buy your combs. And now suppose you put the chops on."

The magi, as you know, were wise men - wonderfully wise men - who brought gifts to the Babe in the man-They invented the art of giving Christmas presents. Being wise, their gifts were no doubt wise ones, possibly bearing the privilege of exchange in case of duplication. And here I have lamely related to you the uneventful chronicle of two foolish children in a flat who most unwisely sacrificed for each other the greatest treasures of their house. But in a last word to the wise of these days let it be said that of all who give gifts these two were the wisest. Of all who give and receive gifts, such as they are wisest. Everywhere they are wisest. They are the magi.

#### Prize Picture



This study in color and attention won \$3 for Esther Yashuk, Meanook, Alta.

## He Came!!



#### Alta. Wheat Pool breaks record

brated its 25th Anniversary in the 1948-49 crop year. Members and patrons made the year a memorable one by delivering to Pool Elevators some 53,575,-595 bushels of grain, an all-time record.

Net earnings of Pool Elevators during 1948-49 totalled \$1,622,476.31. This was an increase of \$216,000 over the net earnings the previous year. It also created a new record for the organization.

The above information was given in the reports presented by the directors and management of the Wheat Pool to the delegates at their annual convention held in Calgary during the latter part of November.

The Alberta Wheat Pool owns 486 country elevators with a ca- was spent in 1948-49 in exp pacity of 30,701,650 bushels, and ing Pool Elevator facilities.

THE Alberta Wheat Pool cele- two terminals with a capacity of 7,150,000 bushels. Last year the Vancouver terminal handled 26,-555,889 bushels while 17,530,000 bushels was shipped East.

During the 1948-49 business year the Wheat Pool redeemed reserves from original members to the value of \$380,100.15. These reserves were purchased at 100c on the dollar from the estates of deceased members, from members 65 years of age and over who have no further interest in farm lands, and from members 75 years of age and over whether they own farm lands or not.

In the same year patronage dividends were paid in cash to a total of \$164,508.25, and in reserves to a total of \$92,226.78.

About half a million dollars was spent in 1948-49 in expand-

#### Pests and diseases take huge toll

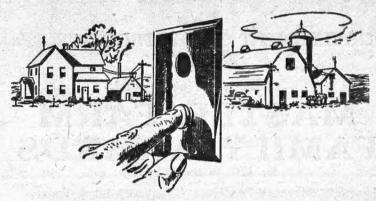
A T the recent meeting of the A International Congress of Crop Production in London, England, it was estimated that 50 per cent of the crops grown, harvested and stored was ravaged by pests and plant diseases.

entire crop. Even after the crop protection methods.

crops are harvested an additional loss of eight per cent is suffered, reports C-I-L Agricultural News.

During and since World War II, knowledge concerning the control of pests and diseases has been gradually expanding. Research has brought forward many new and highly effective insecticides and fungicides. But According to authorities of these are not the final answer, the Food and Agricultural Or- state international agricultural ganization of U.N.O., annual experts. Their solution to the losses of world grain crops problem as a whole would be to alone to insects and diseases convince farmers that gains amount to 65,000,000 tons. equal to those derived from fer-Yearly losses from potato blight tilizer applications can also be were given as 10 per cent of the obtained from use of modern

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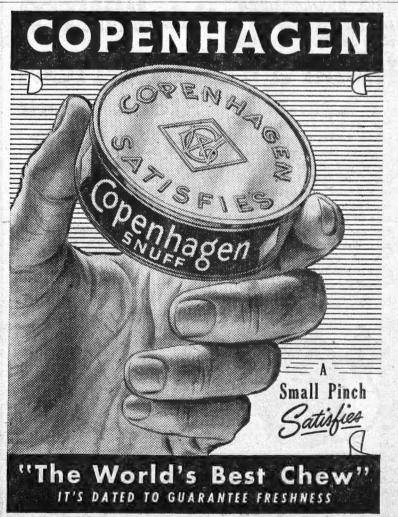


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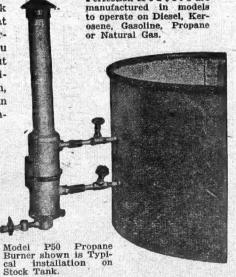
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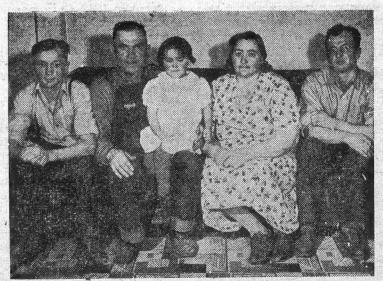
# Alberta's master farmers and their families



Master Farm Family J. G. Dusseault of Vimy. Seated, left to right— Mrs. Dusseault; Paulette, 3; Mr. Dusseault. Standing are Germaine and John. Other son, Jacques, stays at home. Frances is married and Armanda Is training as a nurse.



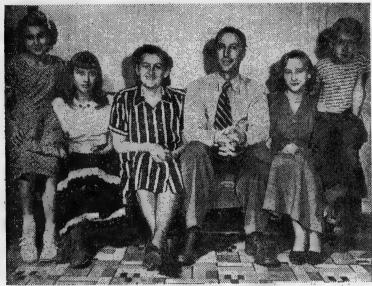
Master Farm Family J. L. Paquette of Donnelly, Joe fistens while his wife sings, accompanied by their adopted daughter, Rosanna.



The Melenka family from left to right are: Eugene, Jacob F. Melenka, Marian, Mrs. Melenka and William.



The Edgar family, from left to right: William, Mrs. Edgar, Wilfred J.



Here is the Jensen Master Farm Family of Magrath. They are from left to right: Lasca, Sylvia, Mrs. Jensen, Lalovee R. Jensen, Joan and

# Water erosion can be stopped on strip cultivated farms

CONSIDERABLE attention has the prevailing winds are to be been given to the preven-considered, but the topography of tion of soil losses by wind but very little emphasis has been given to the importance of stoplosses remain unnoticed or ignored until the soil on the steepthat much of the darker top soil subsoil exposed. The more valuable top soil is deposited and accumulated on the lower areas or is washed down the drainageways.

In many areas where strip farming is being used as a measure to control soil drifting, the strips are laid out at right angles to the prevailing wind. This method, when correctly used, has been very beneficial in preventing the loss of soil by wind. With the problem of water erosion becoming more serious, some thought should be given to laying out the strips in such a manner as to control both wind and water erosion.

trolled, not only the direction of Pincher Creek and Nobleford.

considered, but the topography of the land as well. The strips are laid out across the slopes or along the points of equal elevation ping soil losses by runoff water. throughout the field. These points In many cases the small annual when joined together form contour lines which become the outline of the fields. The steeper er slopes of the fields appears slopes of the field form the nar-lighter in color. This indicates rowest parts of the strip, and the more gentle slopes form the wider has been washed off leaving the parts. The strips will no longer follow straight lines and will vary in width in relation to varying slopes which exist throughout the

Usually exact contour lines are not followed if they curve too abruptly but the strips conform to the contours as nearly as is practical. Where slopes are uniform parallel strips can be used. Strips that are comparatively straight should not be faced into the prevailing winds or more soil may be lost from wind erosion than is saved from water erosion.

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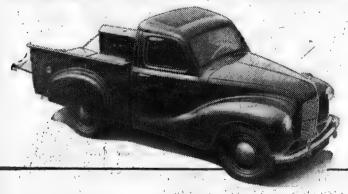
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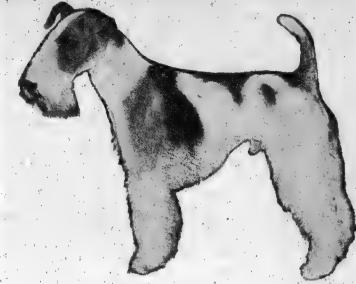
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# Dog breeding is educational and profitable for farm boys

(Contributed)

During a lull in a fall livestock sale, a group of farmers fell to discussing farm life in general and livestock in particular.

"Know why more livestock isn't kept on our farms?" one of them asked. "I'll tell you. Because for generations farm boys have grown up hating livestock. Every time there was a little spare time, when they could play ball, or skate, or play in the shade—there were chores to be done. Cows had to be milked night and morning. Pigs had to be slopped. Manure had to be shovelled. By the time you were 15 you not only hated animals, you hated the whole business of farming!"

The others nodded their heads

in agreement.

This chore business has been counteracted to some extent by the boys' and girls' calf club. By providing youngsters with an animal of their own, some of the sting is taken out of chores. But if the rising generation is to be re-converted to a love of livestock something more is required. So what about dogs?

The farm is the ideal place for raising dogs. There is room for dogs to run. Farm children, like their city cousins, have a natural kinship for dogs. Then why aren't more farm boys and girls raising dogs for pleasure and for profit? There is money in dogs, the right kind. But more than that, young farm boys who get interested in raising dogs can learn things about breeding, feeding and raising animals that will be of immense value to them in a practical way later on in life.

To raise dogs successfully they must acquire a good workknowledge of scientific breeding. In the process they will develop an eye for dogs which in later years can become an eye for beef cattle or swine or sheep. They will see what a difference a balanced diet can make in growing puppies, and apply that knowledge to all kinds of stock.

It costs no more to raise good dogs than it does poor ones. The same scientific breeding principles that must be followed in dog breeding are applicable to all other livestock production.

The foundation on modern biologists, plant breeders and animal breeders have built was laid by the Abbe Mendel. His painstaking study of primroses and four-o'clocks demonstrated how hereditary works. A white flower crossed with a red flower produces pink flowers. When the pinks are mated they produce in the ratio of one red, one white and two pinks. Mate the whites or reds and they produce nothing but pure colors. But mate the pinks and they go on producing one red, one white and two pinks.

This led to the discovery that the characteristics we inherit depend on whether our parents were dominant or recessive in these characteristics. Scientific animal breeding is the search for mates who have dominance desirable characteristics. Every few years, close breeding turns one superb animal who can transmit his great qualities to his offspring and curiously enough his full brothers may lack this ability.

The great improvement that was made in Hereford cattle sprang from one great bull Domino. Domino sons bred to Domino daughters and granddaughters produced superb animals and the end of the process is not even in sight.

Or, in the United States, the King Ranch developed the outstanding breed of Santa Gertrudis cattle from one bull — Old Monkey. Sons of Old Monkey bred to his daughters and

granddaughters made that strain what it is today.

That is true of dogs, as will be seen by an examination of the pedigree of any champion. There is an important difference — a dog breeder can watch his breeding program develop quickly, but a similar program with cattle can take years. As an illustration of how careful breeding, plus even more careful selection of type, can produce champion calibre, let's take a look at the pedigree of the champion Wire Terrier owned by Jack Brooks of Calgary.

Selective Breeding
"Malabar's Gunner" was sired
by Ch. Hetherington Gallant
Gunner." He in turn was by
"Ch. Fox Hunter of Wild Oaks."
The dam of "Hetherington Gallant
Gunner" was "Ch. Hetherington Model Rythm," one of
the finest Wire bitches in the
U.S. The sire of Fox Hunter
was Gallant Fox of Wildoaks,
one of the greatest Wires that
ever lived.

All this sounds desperately complicated. It isn't, but it is something that beginners have to learn if they are to have any success.

Good Profits

The commercial side of breeding dogs can be quite lucrative, providing a young breeder exercises extreme care in the beginning in the choice of his female. There is a market in the West for good hunting dogs that are gun trained. Hunting dogs such as Labradors have big litters, which makes them popular with professional breeders. A good hunting dog, well trained can bring its breeder anything from \$75 to \$150.

Working dogs and terriers are other good types. But any prospective breeders should be warned against the pitfalls of such dogs as Boxers, Danes, etc., on whom major ear operations must be performed by skilled veterinarians before they are

marketable.

A good terrier is just about a perfect farm dog. They are all superb mousers and rat catchers. They are afraid of nothing on earth and are so intelligent that they can be taught almost anything. An Airedale, for example, can be trained as a hunting dog and the Wire Fox Terrier can be trained to help herd cattle. So, in fact, can the Irish, the Welsh and other Terriers, though the training takes patience.

ing takes patience.

One thing is certain — if a young fellow on a farm breeds and raises a superb dog of any kind, he doesn't need to feel remote from the world. Once he advertises what he has got, other breeders will start shipping their females to him.

His path, however, will be beset by many pitfalls. Some can be avoided. One good axiom is —Don't believe anybody; find out for yourself; that applies particularly at the beginning. Before buying a foundation female, get a copy of the breed standard and study it backwards and forwards. Every

thoroughbred dog has a standard. Most of them can be obtained through the Canadian Kennel Club or through such magazines as Dog World.

Once a good female is obtained great care should be taken in choosing a mate. Most people who raise occasional litters of pups regard young females as a nuisance. Not so the top breeders. They keep the best female in the litter and then line breed her back to a closely related dog who is strong in the good qualities she may lack. There is an old English dog breeding saying on this point that goes: Choose the best stud dog you can find, and then breed to his grandfather.

That axiom underlines this fact — many fine dogs do not have the ability to pass their good points on to their offspring. They lack what the fan-

ciers call prepotency.

But there is a good body of opinion that holds that many factors attributed to hereditary can be more correctly be credited to diet. They point out that a thin-boned female may produce stronger boned pups if she is given extra feedings of calcium and cod-liver oil in her diet.

The important point about dogs is that many of the physical characteristics of the good ones are similar to those required in farm livestock. The farm boy who can put good bone in his dogs will some day know how to raise sound bulls. The boy who learns for himself the difference between well-sprung ribs and flat sides in dogs won't be very badly fooled in later life by any livestock.

But outranking everything else is this: The boy who gets interested in raising dogs, or other pets, will be infected by a love of animals, and interest in animals, that will never leave him. And what is more, even the chores will become less onerous, for his curiosity and interest will have been aroused. When he looks at a farm animal, he will be SEEING it, judging it, weighing it, wondering about it and where some of its characteristics come from.



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# It can be fun to follow the trail of a Rabbit

By KERRY WOOD

A RABBIT'S track is an invitation to adventure. On Christmas morning, or any other bright and sunny day when your work allows you to take the time, follow a rabbit's track across the sparkling snow and read its adventures of the night.

Here the bunny paused to feed, nibbling on young twiglets of willow and chewing off a bark fragment from the green trunk itself. Pause with him, and cut yourself a willow cane or thumbstick to steady your footsteps this morning. And you may note that there is a grotesquely shaped trunk in the willow stand, deeply pocked with diamond depressions.

This is carving wood if you have a deft knife, and there are many long evenings beside a winter's fire ahead of you when carving makes a pleasant pastime. So take you a piece, the part that is suggestive of a crouching squirrel hunched against a tree stump. Will it make a good candlestick for the mantle?

Now the rabbit marks go on, skirting around the willows and

following a fence-line. Here some dried weed-heads poke above the snow; on the white surface we see the red-brown seeds of the sow-thistle scattered, with tiny etchings of tracks among the seeds and chaff to tell us that Redpoll birds have been busy here. From the Arctic coasts of Alaska come the Redpolls every autumn, wintering on our western fields and busily helping farmers keep the weed-seeds thinned out on fields and fence-rows. Flocks of thirty and forty of the sparrow-like birds with the tiny crown of ruby feathers will bustle through a stand of weeds, the rosy-breasted males uttering a plaintive and canary-like whistle at frequent intervals.

Our rabbit only hesitated here, sniffing at the sow thistle indifferently but licking out a pink tongue to gather in a vagrant blade of couch grass standing withered and tail beside a fence post. Then on again, across the field itself. There is a slight crust on the snow, enough to bear the three pound weight of the Varying Hare or bush rabbit that we are following, but not tough enough to support our own trudging feet. We break through the crust at every step, crunching through the brittle stubble that marks where the wheat-stalks grew in countless thousands before the shuttling blades of harvest-time gleaned through this field

Others have been interested in that harvest, and recently. We see the numerous tracks of mice; mostly the twin marks of the Drummond's Vole or short-tailed meadow-mouse, but here and there a daintier spoor of the White-footed Mouse or the heavier track of a Red-backed Vole that has come from the nearby forest to forage for wheat kernels. The mice can do no damage now, but during the growing and ripening time these numerous little voles take a great deal more than their share of the farmers' crops. So we welcome the sight of a weasel's welcome the sight of a weasel's trail, the loping marks of the little killer plainly printed on the clean page of snow. Of all the enemies of mice the weasel is the deadliest, therefore it should be considered one of the finest friends farmers can know. See how this one has turned, following the freshest vole scent. Look: here is a hole where the weasel tunnelled down, with a tiny fleck of blood at the entrance to provide us with a clue to the mouse-murder it committed in the shadowed underground below the stubbleroots. And there goes the weasel trail away from the hole, intent on another hunt for another mouse.

But our rabbit trail leads on. Across the field and around a



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straw stack where frost-rimmed cattle are standing, nudging the straw with hoary muzzles this morning and turning their sad, large eyes upon us in bovine wonderment. One old cow is chewing the cud philosophically, hunched out of the sharp sting of the wind. Doubtless she is dreaming of summer days and green clover, but the yearlings near her are not so happy dur-ing this wintry moment. They wander aimlessly around, munching on the straw or pawing at the frozen ground in hopes of uncovering an edible weed or grass-clump.

Duck, Brother!

The rabbit's trail skirted around the stack, then dodged back to its looming bulk. Here



we note the brushed marks of an owl's wings on the snow, and realize that our wandering bunny narrowly escaped death from the talons of Bubo, the Great Horned Owl who is the evil marauder of the night. Notice the frantic dodging of our rabbit's trail, doubling and redoubling to avoid the repeated swoops of the owl. Back to the stack went bunny, there to bolt under the protective screen of an overhanging ledge of straw and snow. A patient wait was next required, before the hungry owl gave up its hopes for a rabbit supper and went flapping silently away on down-muffled feathers to hunt for another victim.

Here we find the rabbit's trail again, and this time the little animal does no more wandering. Straight to the nearest woodland he goes, away from the bald field where owls may forage. Over to the woodlands, then, and once there our rabbit hunches down under a small spruce tree to survey the surrounding scene.

We find many tracks here, plus more animated forms of woodland life. A Downy wood-pecker is chiselling into a de-

cayed balm stump nearby, while a Chickadee whisks through the underbrush to hang upside down on a twig near us, surveying us brightly while lisping its Tska-dee-dee song. The pleasantly haunting note of the Red-breasted Nuthatch comes echoing through the morning air, "quank! quannk! quannnnnk!" We do not see the little bird, but remember its busy ways on a tree trunk, running headfirst down the bark while searching out the microscopic eggs of plant lice and other tree pests.

#### What a Day!

Now the rabbit leaves the spruce tree and hops through a saskatoon thicket to get into the main part of the poplar and spruce forest. But a coyote was waiting, and suddenly we see that a race was run. The rabbit easily won, dodging over the ridge and into the thick stand of young spruce growing so plentifully there. The coyote plentifully there. ran a close second to the nimble hare, but came to a stop outside the dense-growing spruce and detoured around it. The rabbit did not come out the other side, contentedly hunching in the thickest part of the screen and patiently waited for the coyote to go away.

While learning this information about our perambulating rabbit, we disturbed a wary cock grouse, Old Ruffy the bush partridge. He flew from the spruce thicket, where he had been scratching on the sunny edge for the red chicken-berry fruits so beloved by all the grouse. Look at the neat track that partridge left behind him: see the tree-toed mark, with tiny hair-lines evenly spaced out from each toe? Those hair-lines are the grouse's winter snow-shoes, a special growth of skin tissue that helps the bird walk comfortably on the deepest snows of winter.

Where is our rabbit? here come his tracks, out the north end of the spruce thicket to lope down the hill to the creek. Alongside the creek are many willows, growing so thickly that only a rabbit can conveniently navigate that tangled growth. Here we will say goodgrowth. Here we will say good-bye to his track, wishing him a good day's slumber amidst his beloved willows.



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# The story of William Cochrane builder of the river churches

event in Western Canada is occasion for rejoicing and renewed interest in the men and women behind the event for the city of Quebec was more than 200 years old before the first white settler -- the first white woman reached the country west of the Great Lakes! It was not until 1812 that a party of Scottish farmers with their wives and children stepped from sailing-vessel to clumsy York boat and made their epic sevenweek journey from Hudson Bay down to the junction of the Red and Assiniboine rivers to open

THE centennial of any historic through a piece of pin-pricked parchment — buffalo hide scraped free of hair — the same material that served as door and windows in lieu of glass.

Chastened by near starvation winters and having constantly to share his children's food with Indian fathers begging for their own starving offspring, Cochrane realized that if the natives were to escape suffering and periods of famine they must learn to till the land. But he had first to obtain the permission of the Indian Chief Peguis, leader of the district tribe.

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Thirteen years later on October 7th, 1825, the Reverend William Cochrane and his young wife arrived at the new settlement.

It was a hard winter. spring following brought the worst flood ever experienced so that the missionary and his wife had to take up housekeeping twenty miles away on high land until mid-June. Upon their return to what is now Winnipeg, they found that their home was one of three that remained. But crops were late and food very scarce, and long before the barley was ripe Reverend Cochrane cut a few sheaves and set them to dry before the fire-place.

"There was nothing else to eat," he wrote in his diary, and that winter the people lived on barley, potatoes, hazel-nuts and a few fish caught through the river ice.

Three years later, Cochrane took his family down the river about twelve miles north to Grand Rapids, near the present site of Lockport. A stragetic point for the Red River was the A stragetic country's chief highway and all travellers had to portage past the fast water. Here in a hut constructed of mud and logs Mrs. Cochrane ground grain between two stones dug from the river bank and sifted the flour land, the timber growing in the

Indian 4 handsome too in spite of his shortened nose - having lost a portion of it in a fight. When he appealed to Cochrane for food he could not but compare the whiteman's comfort to the wretched state of his own family. His children, hungry and ragged huddled together in a skin tent that let in the drifting snow. The Chief was in debt — heavily in debt — overdrawn at the trading-post to the amount of three hundred muskrat skins.

Peguis consented in the spring to Cochrane's plan to teach the Indians agriculture. This meant that the missionary had to leave his home at Grand Rapids every Monday morning and journey down the river to the camp. He took two helpers, oxen, plough and some seed. They worked steadily all week and returned home Friday night. The Indians were vastly amused and scornful of the experiment and con-tinued their gambling games and dancing to the never-ending throb of the drum —"as regular as the ticking of the clock and accompanied by the conjurer's 'ho-ho-ho'" Cochrane wrote in his disappointment.

But a little later he was able to report in joy —"Three years ago my house, school, congregation and church were all imaginary; the glass and nails in Engforest, and half my congregation wandering heathens. time Chief Peguis moved into a log cabin complete and had his own small vegetable garden. Many of his people fol-lowed his example. There was a mill and a school and the little church named St. Peters which gave the Indian village its name.

Peguis was a good friend to Cochrane and as more and more of his kinsmen accepted Christianity he, too, embraced the missionary's faith. As his new name, he chose William King the first in honor of his friend, the last in recognition of his position among the Indians.

This step was not without cost to Peguis for his eldest son steadfastly refused to recognize the white man's way of life, and after failing to rally the rest of the tribe against his father, the



young man departed. years later he committed suicide in grief over the death of his little daughter, and his body prepared for native burial was returned to Peguis.

This noble man, disappointed at the regulations that would not permit him to bury his son in the churchyard stripped the body of its heathenish trappings the red feathers in the long hair, red paint on the cold face, beads in ears and nose and necklace about the throat—and in a coffin placed the corpse as close to the holy ground as possible.

It is surely fitting that one of the tallest monuments in Winnipeg pays homage to this man of extraordinary faith and loyalty to his new beliefs.

#### . First Boom Known

With the erection of Lower Fort Garry the maintenance of a large staff there and the arrival of two hundred soldiers and their families from England, the population about Grand Rapids grew very rapid-ly and Cochrane's little log church was filled to over-flowing on occasion of religious service, weddings and funerals.

A larger church was needed, and finally plans were made for the building of St. Andrews. Timber had to be hand-sawn, nails and shingles made, stone and lime gathered. A great amount of labor in addition to money was donated by the settlers. The story is well known of how several men, each thinking to be the first to turn the sod, rose before dawn only to find Reverend Cochrane already working on the job by lantern light!

The church was completed in 1849 — each family having its own little boxed-in pew, the prayer-benches c overed with buffalo-hide, the heat supplied by Carron stoves brought from Scotland along the seven-hundred-mile waterway, and can-dles set in wooden wheels hung

like chandeliers from the ceiling. It was an imposing building and visible for many, many miles along the winding Red River.

That same year, work was begun on a fine stone rectory across the road from the church and Mrs. Cochrane's gladness can readily be understood as she must have watched its progress after so many years in tent and humble hut.

But her house-pride was short-lived for by 1851 her husband was convinced that his duty lay elsewhere, and he mov-ed his family to Portage la Prairie. At this date there were no homes here — only a few Indian tents about the Hudson's Bay post, and the Company was bey post, and the Company was not anxious that there should be, thinking perhaps that it might harm trade at the steadily growing Red River Settlement. It was then that the Hudson's Bay Governor George Simpson said to Cochrane, wish you to understand that I am quite opposed to your estab-lishing a settlement up there."

The missionary's reply is characteristic. "I am going up there to establish a mission, and am going up this very day!"

The Indian horse-trader, Pacheetoo became Cochrane's good friend here. Like Peguis he was of imperfect appearance having lost an eye; a fact he tried to conceal by wearing a long hank of black hair over one side of his face. Pacheetoo was quick to adopt the whiteman's ways, and his cabin was white-washed in-doors and out, the door and win-dows painted red. He travelled to the States to make the most modern purchases — once a pair of glass-candlesticks which were in his doorway for all to admire and another time he bought and planted lawn grass-seed — sad to report without success.

Cochrane's success with the Indians is all the more remarkable when it is remembered that he could only speak half a dozen words in their language. His favorite greeting to them was a hearty — "Wachee! Wachee!" A corruption of the English "What cheer" popular at that time. Without doubt his great physical strength and sense of fairplay held their admiration play held their admiration.

After forty years of devoted and arduous service among the prairie Indians, Cochrane and his wife made a covered-wagon trek to Toronto to spend their last few years in ease. But that same fall they were back at a little church not far from Port-Later after bathing in the chill waters of White Mud River Cochrane contracted a bad cold and died October 1st; 1865.

In accordance with his wishes he was buried near the door of his most famous church, St. Andrews, at Grand Rapids -"Where the feet of the worshipwhere the feet of the worship-pers pass" and it is somehow significant of William Coch-rane's physical and spiritual strength that St. Andrews re-mains the oldest church in Western Canada still used for divine worship divine worship.



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# Follow a few simple rules to get plant blooms all winter

Now that the days are getting shorter all plant growth is geared down to meet conditions of less heat and sunlight. House plants in general will require less water than they did in summer. In some instances a complete rest must be given. Tuberous Begonias, Gloxinias, and Achimenes (Cupid's Bower) should now be prepared for their resting period. Begonias that have done flowering should be moved to a cool room and the water supply gradually reduced till leaves are yellow when no further watering is needed. When the ripening process is complete the top growth will part from the bulb at the slightest touch. Bulbs are then taken from the pots and stored in dry peat or sawdust at a temperature of 45°

Gloxinias should be dried off

by gradually reducing the water supply. When leaves turn brown no further watering is needed and the bulbs are taken out of the soil and stored in the same manner as outlined for Be-

Achimenes are best left in their pots after top growth has died down, storing the pots on their sides in a cool basement. They are repotted and started into growth in early March.

Winter Flowering Begonias

The plant most commonly met with in this group is Be-It has gonia semperflorens. roundish, glossy leaves and rather thick stems. As its name implies it is very free blooming, the smallest plants are usually full of flowers. Shades of red and pink are mostly seen, but there is a very pretty white form with dark green leaves. type of Begonia is best grown in small pots, the four or five-inch size is plenty big enough. Larger plants are not effective as the plant is naturally dwarf in habit. Full sunlight is recommended from now till March when a little shade will be appreciated. Attention to watering must be careful and regular.

See that the plants are fairly dry before water is applied and remember that the operation is best carried out in the morning using water at room tempera-ture. Excess water around the crowns of the plants, especially if night temperatures are low will lead to trouble in the form

of leaf diseases, mildew, etc. Begonias of the Angel Wing, Beefsteak or other winter flowering types should be afforded much the same treatment as already given for Begonia semperflorens. A south or west window will suit them very well till early summer sunshine will prove too strong for them.

African Violets

The popularity of these plants appears to increase each year. It is really amazing how a plant that has been known to man for so long should suddenly come out of obscurity and adorn the window sills of almost all homes where plants are seen.

The dry atmosphere of most dwelling houses would not be considered well suited to the culture of African Violets, yet they seem tolerant and quite good specimens are not uncommon in the homes of enthusiastic plant lovers.

Plants that have spent the summer in a north or an east window should now be given a position of more light. may be placed in a south window, providing it is reasonably free of draughts. Great care is necessary in applying water to these plants at any season, but especially is this true from now\_ on through winter's dark days.

soft water that has been heated to room temperature or a few degrees warmer. Apply by means of an old teapot or other container having a spout. It is most important to avoid wetting the foliage. Sloppiness in this regard will result in disfigured leaves. Let it be understood once and for all that watering African Violets by means of setting the plants in bowls of water is not an infallable method. Such a practice is not altogether harmful providing the pots are not allowed to remain in the water too long. They must be taken out as soon as the moisture has reached the top soil. Frequently they are left to get completely water-logged and the young feeder roots are injured. Surplus water must be drained off before replacing pots on their saucers.

Geraniums

Perhaps the Geranium may be called the most common of all house plants. It is one that is widely adaptable and tolerant of mistreatment. Being so kindly disposed it usually is rewarded with more than its share of neglect. No plant responds more readily to good cultivation and well grown Geranium plants are handsome adornments to the home.

Complaints are often heard that Geraniums are dropping their flower buds and are growing too tall and leggy. fault lies usually in bad cultural methods. Geraniums are often lifted from positions outdoors and potted in pails, or large pots that allow the plants far too much root room. The result is an abundance of leaf growth and little or no bloom.

For a satisfactory display of winter flowering plants a start should be made when the Geraniums are occupying their summer quarters in beds or borders. In August they should be cut back to hard wood leaving stubs an inch or so long. As new growth commences the plants should be carefully lifted and potted into pots, five inches or, at most, six inches in diameter. The soil must be packed very

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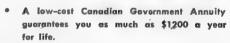


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firmly around the roots. Careful attention to watering must be given till plants are well clothed with leaves when more generous supplies will be needed.

Geraniums are sun and warmth-loving plants so that cold and wet conditions must be guarded against. Plants receiving a check by over-watering or drying out will drop flower buds and leaves will turn yellow. After the turn of the year a light dressing of a complete fertilizer such as "Vigoro" will be beneficial.

Other varieties such as Ivyleafed and scented-leafed are less popular than the "Zonal" types and not as showy. Ivyleafed Geraniums will make attractive plants when trained on a window trellis. Their cultural requirements are much the same as outlined for ordinary Geraniums. Scented-leafed kinds are easy to grow and make interesting plants. Peppermint-scented and Nutmegscented are common ones. The foliage is finely cut, or deeply lobed. Flowers are insignificant in most varieties, but the plants are of particular interest to many on account of their old-world associations.

#### Pelargoniums (Pansy Geraniums, Lady Washingtons)

These are readily distinguished from the ordinary Geraniums by their rather coarse, dark-green leaves, that are harsh to the touch and by the seasonal flowering habit of the plants. The flowers are striking with bold blotches and markings. The plants do not take kindly to house culture when allowed to remain indoors all the year round. They should have a period outdoors from June till September. Fair success may be had by following a definite routine culture. When flowering is over place plants outside in a sheltered spot. Watering is re-duced till leaves begin to drop. Complete drying out must be guarded against. In very hot weather the plants must be regularly attended to and water applied as required.

In September the old plants are cut back to old wood and the tips of the growths may be used for cuttings. Plants and cuttings can remain outside till there is danger of frost when they should be removed to a sunny window.

Early in February the old plants should be taken out of the pots and most of the soil removed from the roots. They are then potted up in fresh soil. Cuttings that were rooted in sand can now be potted into three-inch pots of soil. A few weeks later it will be necessary to pinch out the tip growth of these so that they will form bushy plants. As growth continues a further potting into five-inch pots will be needed. Old plants will greatly appreciate a dressing of Vigoro — a teaspoonful to each pot when flower buds first make their appearance.

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Capital, Reserve and Undivided Profits	18,791,033.92
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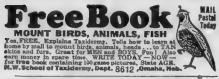
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# FreeBook B.C. Potato Show attracts growers but not consumers

By A. J. DALRYMPLE

in British Columbia are those from a grower's viewpoint it potatoes as such, will not draw specializing in production of was a success. It was, they a crowd. A big building set with seed potatoes and table stock, said, the biggest and best potato tables bearing trays of White They held their ninth annual Potato Show in University of Winter Wonderland B.C. armories, Nov. 1 - 3, under the auspices of Coast Vegetable Marketing Board.

The show, together with its planning, its program and its results may well be studied by other agricultural organizations for certain lessons which may be gained as time goes on.

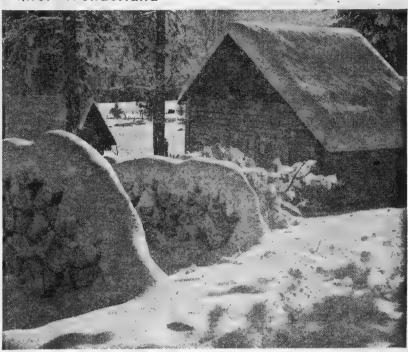
In the first place officials of the potato associations at the coast, the Cariboo and the Okanagan and Vancouver Island are blessed with a keen sense of the value of public relations, consumer reactions, centring around a product of proven high quality.

There were approximately 90 classes in the show. Competition was exceptionally keen between growers of coastal valleys and other districts. Reason for this is that Grand Forks region has made world records. Cariboo with advantage of dry belt climate and isolation is enthusiastically increasing production. Pemberton on the Pacific Great Eastern is moving forward under a reclamation scheme. Comox Valley on Vancouver Island is out to advertise its wares.

There you have the require-VANCOUVER.—Among the live- ments for a successful show liest grower organizations from a grower standpoint. And

spuds. To do this they must interest the housewife. They must woo her with tasty recipes and educational devices that will lead her into the path of studying potato values at her disposal through retail channels.

The farmers realize, too, that



show on the North American Continent.

But these farmers are not fooling themselves. They know that grower interest is not enough. They want to increase consumption of high quality

Rose, Netted Gem and Green Mountains awaken little interest in the general public.

So, in a year's planning for the 1949 show arrangements centred around possible attractions that would encourage increased attendance. The result was a fashion show, raffle of a fur coat, and numerous addresses designed to interest Mr. and Mrs. John Public on production and marketing of vegetables; in other words, to show them the way to better living through selection of better grade foods.

Flanking the trays of potatoes were a score of booths with bright displays advertising the quality produce of various grower organizations. Industrialists, such as chemical companies, came in with booths



demonstrating their products; and there was a representative exhibition of machinery.

#### Disappointing

A lot of money was spent on that show; but the daily attendance was much lower than was desired by the association officials. Daily attendance ran to several hundred when it. had been hoped it would run into thousands. The finale, the ban-



THE Delegates, Directors and Management of the Alberta Wheat Pool desire to express to Pool members and patrons of Alberta Pool Elevators their sincere appreciation for the substantial support accorded during the past year.

The Alberta Wheat Pool and Pool Elevators are growing in importance and influence with each passing year, thanks to the trust reposed in this farmer-owned co-operative by so many grain

The co-operative movement is steadily moving forward towards the objective of creating a better and happier world. It is seeking through the operation of co-operative organizations to introduce the principle of the Golden Rule into the business life of the province.

As Christmastime approaches and the year 1949 gradually comes to a close, best wishes are extended for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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#### Prize Picture



Mrs. M. Chartrand, Therien, Alta., took this picture of new fallen snow sharply outlining the hog pens on their farm. It should supply a useful tip to all amateur photographers. New snow can only be photographed well if there is lots of sharp contrast in the picture.

quet held on the final night drew 350 persons, and rounded out better than average numbers. But that was not enough.

There were three reasons for unsatisfactory attendance. First: Vancouver is a city of great distances, and the university armories are a long way from downtown. A central location could not be had, and many persons balked at going so far in foggy weather to see a potato show.

Secondly, there was a 50 cents admission charge with a chance on door prizes and the fur coat raffle. The possible possible winnings were not sufficient to offset the price of an entry ticket; and although it is estimated that there were 7,000 students right on the grounds, not many would go for 50 cents for a potato show.

Thirdly, the educational talks in themselves are not much on drawing power. The fashion show and light entertainment The fashion

had the most pull.

Why the 50-cent fee? management did not want the show over-run with uninterested persons looking for the cheap entertainment; and while the their planning meetings during officials did not want to make the coming months.

money, they did want to get some of their expenses back.

All this is not to say that the show was not a success. It did very well; but to progressiveminded officials and growers, the primary thought is consumer interest, and that will be the keynote again in planning the next show.

One of the first objectives for the 1950 exhibition will be a central location. Secondly, there will likely be a drop in admission price, or some device that will draw large numbers of really interested persons.

And, lastly, the entertainment, will likely be of a frothy nature, fight and airy, with emphasis on fun. The slogan may be "Fun at the Potato Show. The idea will be to get the public in, give them a good time, and let them learn a little about agriculture a little at a time.

The grower organizations are not down-hearted; in fact, just the reverse. But they know that some changes are not only desirable but necessary, and that is the way they are going to approach the show situation in

#### Solution to last month's puzzle

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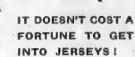
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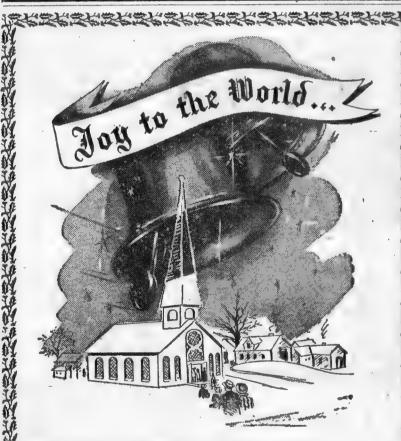
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### Feeding for winter cream cheques

THERE is probably no farm animal that responds as quickly to good care and feeding as does the milk cow.

Before starting winter feeding, it is wise to look over the cow herd. Cows, which are low producers, are expensive producers. They will require almost as much feed as high producers. Therefore, particularly in years of feed shortages, it is only good business to cull out all cows of this type. With beef prices at a high level, this culling can now be accomplished to advantage.

Cows, which are producing milk, have a twofold job to do, i.e., maintaining body weight and producing milk. Maintaining body weight requires almost the entire intake of ordinary The production of milk hay. must then come from additional feeding. Milk is a high protein product. Feeds, which are high in protein, such as alfalfa or silage, which are succulent as well, make ideal feeds for dairy cattle. Where neither of these is available any good quality, non-leguminous hay can be fed. When this is supplemented with a protein concentrate such as linseed oilcake, excellent results are obtained.

Of course, it is necessary to feed grain in order to reach an efficient, high level of production. A general rule in feeding dairy eattle is to allow 2 to 21/2 pounds of roughage per day, per 100 pounds of live weight of the cow. Best results are obtained if 50 per cent of this roughage is made up of alfalfa. In addition, 1 pound of grain or grain and protein concentrate mixture per day should be fed for every 3 or 4 pounds of daily milk production

A ration of this type at first

#### The Winner



Sixteen-year-old Katharine" nington and the Farm and Ranch Review shield she won at the Darwell

glance would seem to be an expensive one. However, in feeding dairy cattle the aim is maximum milk for each feed dollar. There is no substitute for high quality feeds when high production and efficient production are the aims of the dairyman.

#### Hammering roughage for livestock

In view of local scarcity of feed farmers have become interested in the utilization of waste material as feed. In most cases, this has taken the form of mixtures of cereal grain and Russian thistle.

It is well known that livestock waste some considerable amount of feed, nosing it over, eating the choice tender parts and trampling the coarser stocks un-derfoot. This would happen when feeding a grain-thistle mixture in its natural stage. Grinding of roughage, in addition to eliminating waste, will aid digestion, help mastication for animals with poor teeth, and



increase the consumption of feed per unit of time. This latter is particularly important toward the end of the fattening period just prior to sale. It is advisable to feed some supplement in conjunction with such a mix-

For beef and dairy cattle and for sheep, a medium to coarse grind is recommended. may be acomplished by using a screen with  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch to  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch openings, or eliminating the screws entirely. It is doubtful if the thistle mixture will pass through finer screens, particularly if the moisture content is. high.

Mills will run at maximum efficiency if kept up to capacity. This may be maintained by uniform, steady feeding, and is accomplished by the use of self-feeders with a volume gov-Efficiency of operation will drop if slugs of damp roughage are put into the machine.

Power requirements for hammermills are usually high, a two-plow tractor being neces-This will, of course, vary with the moisture content of the roughage and the coarseness or fibre content. As the fineness of grind increases, the power required will also increase.

#### Truckers can cut stock losses

penalty plan, at South St.
Paul Market in the United States, whereby live stock truckers with greater than average losses in deads and cripples are required to pay 20% of excessive losses out of pocket rather than passing them on to insurance companies has proven effective. Since initiation of the penalty agreement rider to insurance policies 18 months ago, there has been a considerable drop in losses.

Claims paid to 33 truckers before signing the penalty agreement were \$87,957, or a loss of \$1.77 for every dollar of premium collected. For a like period after signing, however, these losses dropped to \$35,886 — a

#### C.N.R. Director



W. J. Parker, president of the Manitoba Wheat Pool, who was recently named a director of the Canadian National Railways.

loss ratio of \$0.97 for every dollar of premium. One insurance company thought a mistake had been made. An additional audit confirmed the record as report-

One truck operator had a loss ratio of 502%—claims paid being five times the premiums collected. In 15 months under the penalty agreement, he reduced losses to 102% of premiums paid. Another trucker with a loss ratio of 192% dropped losses to 15% of premium in 17 months; still another with 484% reduced to 87% in 14 months. Such amazing reductions indicate that carelessness of truckers has a considerable bearing upon injuries to livestock.

The record of achievement made by these truckers—a 45% reduction in losses over 15 months—is quite significant in view of the fact that more than three fourths of all live stock marketed today arrives truck. Programs of education or moral persuasion among truckers have met with little success as compared with this penalty plan. From the record made by the South St. Paul truckers, it appears that to them, money talks louder than words in reducing losses. -Meaty News





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George Almusa of Margo, Sask., won \$5 for this too-typical winter scene on the prairie.

B.C. ROUND-UP

# Completion of Hope-Princeton link is a boon to B.C. farmers

By A. J. DALRYMPLE

THE inspiration generated by achievement human something wonderful to behold. It was manifest in scores of cities, towns, hamlets and iso-lated ranches on November 2 when a much-battered hinterland trail blossomed forth as the new Hope-Princeton Highway.

Farmers, businessmen, ministers of government, tourist camp operators, historians and all those interested in the development of the Dominion's resources, waxed lyrical over the expansion that will go forward with the operation of this new link between coastal and interior points.

There was some harking back to the century-old struggle to obtain the objective of a super, fast connection between growers, markets and consumers, but in the main all thoughts were directed, toward enlarging turnovers in business and industry.

And for once the primary producer came into his own. Major emphasis was on transportation of agricultural products and movement of goods required by growers. Maybe this is indicative of the fruition of the long sought better understanding of farm problems, and the place that agriculture holds in the prosperity of the com-

munity.

True, there was much talk of the Hopeother advantages of the Hope-Princeton line; the accessibility of spectacular Manning Park; opening of new hunting, fishing, hiking and riding camps; new truck and bus schedules, new gas stations, new business enterprises, more population, more food consumed, more money in circulation for farm produce, and the general well being of the

Most inspirational to me was the theme of all the brief, animated stories that came out of the interior prior to the opening of the highway; stories from Keremeos, Kaleden, Oliver and Osoyoos, and a score of other places; and it was noteworthy

that all took the Hope-Princeton as their own; energetic stories, pulsing with the will for greater production, quicker deliveries, more efficiency in marketing and consumer distribution.

#### Tough Route

The Hope-Princeton link is certainly not lengthy as Canadian distances go; just 83 miles, but it was a tough engineering proposition and cost about \$6,-

It is, however, a vital part of the Southern Provincial Highway scheme of 613 miles; and the whole program since 1945 amounts to 248.15 miles of new and reconstructed highway involving the movement of more than 2,000,000 cubic yards of rock and 8,970,000 cubic yards of other materials.

To date approximately 190 miles have been completed to first-class standard, and a large proportion of this work has been hard-surfaced. Work is continuing on other interior proiects.

The new link shortens the distance between coast cities and some Okanagan points by as much as 100 miles, and several hours of roundabout travel. Hope, that flourishing cross-roads centre, and also entrance to the great Fraser Canyon route, is 100 miles east of Vancouver.

Distance is 183 miles from Vancouver to Princeton; and farmers, along with packinghouse men and distributors, are planning in terms of hot-shot overnight shipments of perish-

Meantime the work on Fraser Canyon highway goes on apace. Soon it will be but a memory of tortuous hairpin turns and heavy grades where the trail was so narrow motorists cast a wary eye toward the canyon floor as they traversed the unprotected rim.

Many-of these hairpins have been almost obliterated by stretches of new, wide, high-(Continued on page 25)

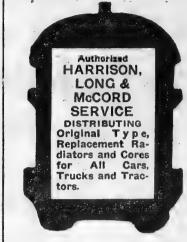
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down, carefully inspected, and completely lubricated. 2. The crankcase should be drained, the oil filter cleaned or replaced, and the crankcase filled with new oil. The engine should then be operated to allow the new oil to circulate through all the working parts, and thereby provide a film of oil during the storing period.

3. The entire cooling system should be thoroughly drained.

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speed surfacing, but the hurry ing driver may still see the contours of the old narrow, blacktop as he cuts his travel time between Vancouver and Kamloops and Williams Lake.

New Areas Opened

Yes, these developments have given new heart to dwellers of the coastal points and interior alike; and the coming surge of traffic calls for even more roads to open more territory. Boards of Trade along the north shore of the Fraser are campaigning for a second road to connect Vancouver and New Westminster with Hope.

They are not asking for something not needed. The present highway from New Westminster, via Langley, Abbotsford and Chilliwack, runs through the populous lower mainland. It has seen increasing traffic in the past few years, and will see still heavier as traffic mounts

through Hope.

Not only that, but many of the large acreages of the Fraser Valley have been sub-divided into small holdings; more families, more children. So now you have what was intended to be a high-speed trunk line, changed almost overnight into a ribbon-dwelling situation with its attendant speed-reducing zones; and they will increase greatly in the next few years.

So, it is imperative that the

north shore provides an alternative route from Vancouver to Hope to ease the coming burden, to open new acreages for cultivation, and serve such points as Mission City and Agassiz.

Much work has already been done between Coquitlam and Dewdney. New surfacing and modern bridges have been constructed this year. It is only a matter of time until it will be pushed through to Hope.

4. The spark plugs should be removed and some heavy engine oil placed in each cylinder. crankshaft should be turned over several revolutions by hand to/coat the cylinder walls with a

5. The exhaust pipe should be securely covered.

6. The fuel should be drained from the fuel tank, fuel line, and carburetor. It is important that no fuel, especially gasoline be allowed to remain, as it will gradually evaporate and leave a gummy deposit. difficulty when attempting to taken up at a later date.

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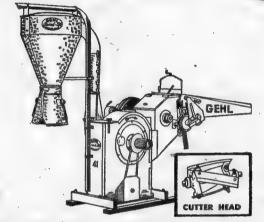
> 7. Pneumatic tires on the tractor should be thoroughly washed and raised so that the tractor weight is carried on blocks rather than on the rubber tires.

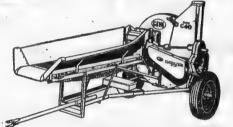
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#### Rail rates and fairs

To the Editor:-

on January 1st, 1950, the freight rates for exhibitors shipping to fairs will be double the 1949 rates. Since 1905 the movement of exhibition livestock on all railways has enjoyed a special reduced freight rate, namely, full tariff to the first fair, half tariff to all succeeding fairs, as long as the circuit was not broken, and home from the last show for nothing. Under the rates that will exist after January 1st, 1950, full freight rates will have to be paid to all fairs, and will also have to be paid for the return from the last show, which is generally the one farthest from the starting point. The cost of freight on the Calgary, Edmonton, Saska-toon and Regina show circuit in 1949 was \$146.91 for a load of horses; this includes full freight from Hubalta to Calgary as a start, and returning home free from Regina. Under the new 1950 schedule, the freight cost for showing a carload of horses at the same fairs will be \$406.91, and that figure is calculated from freight charges in evidence the exhibitors thought that a

in July, 1949. Since then rates have been boosted 8%, and the railways are endeavoring to have them increased still higher.

Knowing that exhibition Unless there is a change made freight rates were to be increased in 1950, many officials of different fairs have discussed what assistance might be given exhibitors, with a view to keep-ing them showing. The general opinion seems to have been that the amount of prize money should be increased; it is doubtful if this is the proper way to solve the problem. Before anything in the way of a bonus is settled, exhibition boards would do well to take exhibitors into

their confidence. Exhibitors discussed the matter pretty thoroughly whilst on the show circuit this past summer, and the general opinion among them seemed to be that a set sum for each animal shown given to the exhibitors, rather than more prize money be offered. They contended that with increased prize money the owners of winning stock would be the only ones to benefit, and that those out of the prize money would get nothing in the way of assistance. Taking the freight tariff now existing on horses, cattle, sheep and hogs,

fair bonus from each exhibition would be: \$5.00 for each horse shown; \$4.00 for each cattle beast; and \$3.00 for each sheep or hog. In this way all exhibitors would receive some remuneration.

Hardy E. Salter, Calgary, Alberta

#### A few kind words

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter-in praise of your excellent monthly magazine. To you a letter of praise is not unusual but from me it probably is as I'm not a farmer. I was on a small farm' for a few years when I was a kid, in the Fraser River Valley of British Columbia. Since then I've been miles and miles from being a farmer, I'm a machinist in a shipyard and have been for years.

About two years ago I was puttering in my garden when one of your subscription salesmen called on me. Ten years' subscription for \$1.00, it looked incredible, but I gave him a dollar and hoped for the magazine to come. It did. And its been the best \$1.00 I ever invested. I read it from cover to cover, and look forward for the next issue. Your editorials are the best of any editorials I've ever read. Tlike your outspoken way of expressing your ideas, no matter who it hits.

I wish we had more editors like you, and less of the kind that are always polishing apples.

Yours for more and more and bigger circulation.

H. RITCHIE.

Victoria, B.C.

#### Getting rid of sparrows

To the Editor:

I have seen in different papers remedies for spraying bad weeds such as stink weed, sow thistle, etc., but there is another pest that is worth considering, that is sparrows. They are very bad around here. They go after garden raspberries, then they get into granaries and deposit filth which is not at all nice, and they are hard on other little harmless birds like canaries, wrens, etc. I think there should be some way to get rid of those pests. Years ago, back in the 1890's, and in old Ontario, there was stuff called sparrow dust that was when the old muzzleloading shotguns were common. one could put a load of that in a gun and shoot into a flock of sparrows and wipe out a dozen or more at one shot. I don't see why this remedy could not be put up in 12-gauge shells and used successfully. Some person in Calgary might be clever enough to produce something of this sort.

-Andrew Shiell. Brightview P.O., Alberta.



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# The British Socialists and "Sterling Imperialism

A NEW and curious manifesta-tion of imperialism has occurred in Britain during the past few weeks. Of all people, it involves such left-wingers in the Labor party as Aneuran Bevan, minister of health, and Richard Crossman, a Member of Parliament. They believe Canada should be forced to take payment for its wheat and other commodities in sterling, rather than dollars. The sterling would then have to be spent in Britain, if it could be spent at all.

Instead of the "dollar imperialism" which is condemned in such circles in Britain, they would substitute sterling imperialism. They justify their position on the undeniable fact that Canada must meet part of



its own shortage of U.S. dollars by selling to Britain for dollars. Therefore, they argue, Britain's shortage of dollars, and consequent financial crisis, is really due to the inability of Canada to earn sufficient dollars in the U.S. If Britain stopped paying Canada in money which could be converted into U.S. currency, Britain's own dollar shortage would be greatly eased.

What these critics of Canada's economy forget is that fundamentally Canada wants neither dollars nor pounds for its exports. It wants goods. It needs machines, oil, coal, some fruits and vegetables. It needs to import steel and iron products. It needs automobiles, trucks and tractors. The U.S. is a convenient source of supply, both from the viewpoint of price, quality, design, geographical nearness and speed of delivery. Therefore Canada needs U.S. dollars to buy these things.

If these commodities could be bought with equal convenience in Britain, sterling would become as acceptable as dollars. The past few weeks have shown that there are still many in the United Kingdom, even men in the cabinet, who are blind to this fact. They think they can solve their troubles by forcing Canada to take sterling, with which it cannot buy the things it wants, in exchange for its exports. True, this would result in an improvement of Britain's financial position, and probably in the standard of living of its people. But it would also result in a deterioration in the Canadian standard of life. There is no other description for this procedure except imperialism and exploitation.

Further afield, Britain now faces other difficulties. The Communist: government of China is today the actual authority ruling most of that country. Britain, as Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin has hinted, would like to extend recognition to that government. United States is not yet ready to do so, and Britain is hesitating to act independently on so important a matter of foreign policy.

#### Chinese Investments

Britain's economic interests in China are different to those of the United States. A large number of British companies operating in China-have their headquarters there. If these are taken over by the Communists, the whole investment is lost. The pressure on the British government to recognize the Communists as the legitimate authorities in China, and thereby, perhaps, retain the right to do business in that country, is therefore heavy.

The American situation is different. American businesses in China are mainly branch offices of companies with headquarters in the U.S. If they were cut off from the home office, the loss could be written off without disastrous consequences to the company as a whole. Therefore the pressure of Americans doing business in China is not nearly so heavily weighted in favor of recognition as is that of Britons with investments in China.

Canada favors recognition of the Communist regime, but is reluctant to take any steps on her own. The feeling is that recognition should be extended in concert with action by the U.S. and Britain. T. C. Davis, the former Canadian ambassador to China, has reported that he believes it possible to do business with the Chinese Communists. That seems to be the general feeling in Ottawa, munist China is a fact, if an unpleasant one, just as much as Communist Russia, Poland and Czechoslovakia are facts. Sooner or later, this fact will have to be acknowledged through diplomatic recognition.



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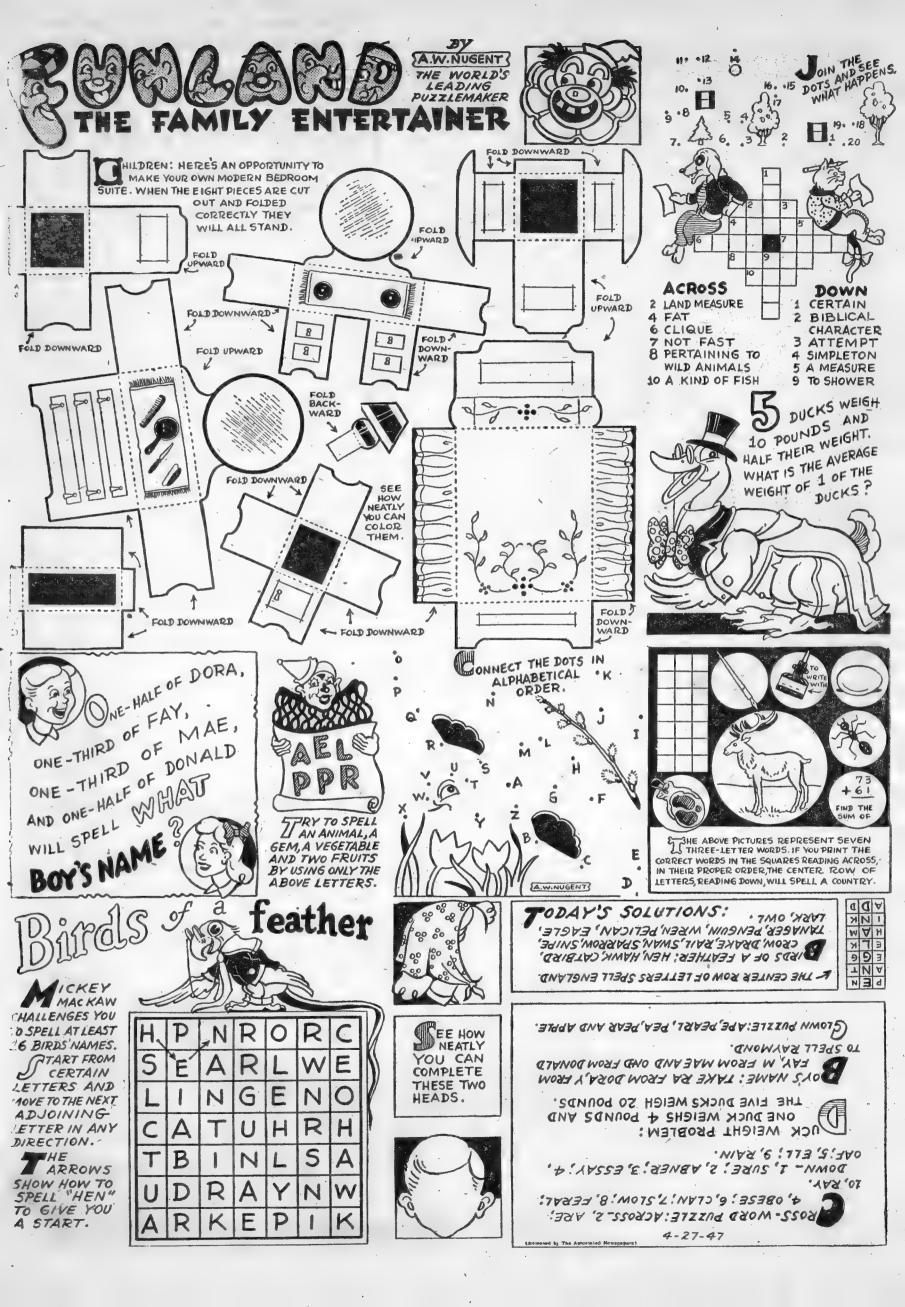
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# The Farm and Ranch Fully:

# Christmas in the home

By LOUISE PRICE BELL

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WE are coming into the happiest season of the entire year. The spiritual significance of the day is by far the most important, as we all know. That should always be our first consideration in making Christmas plans, and in rearing our children in our Christian homes. Nothing can take the place of religious observances

VULETIDE is a busy time in every home. Besides getting and trimming the traditional Christmas tree, hanging wreaths in the windows and putting red candles everywhere possible, there are the Christmas sweets to make. In most homes, these are made for gifts, as well as for holiday consumption . . . and no finer gift could anyone receive. Everyone appreciates presents that are the result of the donor's own handiwork. And for the people who are too busy to make cookies or marmalades in their own kitchens such goodies will be especially welcome!

Be sure to let the children help with the preparations for Christmas: They will enjoy feeling an integral part of the plans,



and it will be excellent experience for them, besides. Many Christmas cookies will keep indefinitely, so why not let your daughters spend Saturday afternoons for a few weeks before Christmas planning and making marmalades or cookies, or helpwith fruit cake. They'll adore wrapping these in attractive packages for their teachers and relatives . . . and do let them make their own selections of papers and "fixings" instead of telling them what to use!

One thing that is fun to do is to establish a traditional "Open House" and have it every Christmas Eve. Don't make it a "party", but instead just a simple get-together. Call your friends the day before Christmas and ask them to drop in - with or without the children as best suits their convenience — for a Christmas cookie and cup of coffee. Be sure to ask any newcomers to your town who might be lonely in a new community as this will give them a chance to meet others. And such hospitality at the Yuletide season will be greatly appreciated.

Put. red candles in your candle holders, on dining-room table, lay some green around the base, and put piles of red and green paper napkins A length of red cambric looks very effective on a table and can be

used again and again at Christmas, patriotic days, etc. Have steaming coffee, red tomato juice, (milk or cocoa for the youngsters) and Christmas cookies. You might also have a large plate centered with bowl of soft cheese and surrounded by crackers. Make sure that your silver is shiny, but aside from that don't fuss. Make it a simple, homey "Open House" from which many of your guests may go to the Midnight Service. you do this you'll find it a heartwarming way to usher the Christmas Day in.

There are many attractive and in-expensive forms of decoration. Pine sprigs, arranged in a casual manner have two pillar candles at either end of table. Beside each candle is a choir-boy, and scattered casually about are ruddy oranges and nuts, perhaps tucked in bobby-socks, with names attached. This is the type of thing that youngsters adore arranging, and you may be sure that the replacements necessary many. It's fun to have an arrange-ment like this, that is not only attractive but edible.

Associating angels with Christmas is as natural as breathing. And every mother knows that Christmas Angels are a delight to children so they'll love making some of edible materials. The angels shown here are easy to make, too. Use ice cream cones for the bodies and cut off the pointed end so that the rough surface of the cone will hold the marshmallow heads in place perfectly. Paint features on the marshmallow face with pure vegetable food coloring, making them as amusing as you wish. A dried apricot makes a fine halo, and paper wings can be attached to the cone body with Scotch tape. Stand the completed angels on a plate of whip-ped lemon jello or Snow pudding. This makes a good dessert and will delight the children so is an excellent choice for a children's party. For the same purpose, dime store seals with plump oranges in the top and names written on cards, make suitable Christmas place cards.

Christmas Tree Salad is made of fruit slices overlapped on salad greens and dramatized by a beautiful Christmas tree cut from red cran-berry sauce or jelly, or green jello or some of each, alternating at each place, perhaps. Cut moided jelly or jello with small tree cutter and lay on round slice of white apple. Garnish with nut-meats put together with cream cheese. Very festive, and hearty enough for a Christmas Eve supper, with hot bread, a beverage and perhaps some Christmas cookies. Here are some excellent recipes that you might like to use.

#### Orange-Lemon Marmalade

- 3 cups thinly sliced oranges (3 medium-sized)
- 1 cup thinly sliced lemons (4 lemons)
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 tblsps. fresh lemon juice

Measure 2 cups of the fruit into saucepan large enough to hold three quarts (and prevent boiling over). Add sugar and boil until marmalade passes jelly test — that is when heavy drops sheet from side of spoon. This takes from 5 to 10 minutes. Add fresh lemon juice for fragrance and tartness and boil 1 minute more, then pour into hot, sterilized jars. When cool, wrap jars in attractive Christmas papers and tie with gay ribbons or cords. If several jars are given, fill in between with stuffed dates.

#### Christmas Sugar Cookies

- ½ cup shortening
- cup sugar
- egg
- tsp. grated orange rind
- ¼ tsp. lemon extract
- ¼ tsp. orange extract
- 1% cups sifted flour
- tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking-powder

Cream shortening and sugar, add orange extracts, then add sifted dry ingredients and beat until smooth. Chill until firm. Then place chilled

dough on lightly floured board and Cut out with round, star roll thin. and Christmas-tree cutters. decorate with small pieces of candied Place on greased dish and fruits. bake at 325° F. for about 12 minutes (4 dozen cookies).

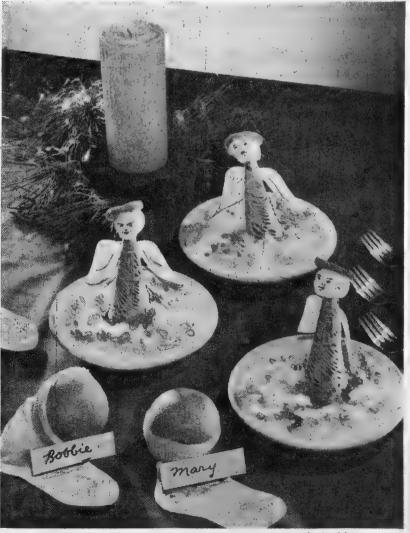
# Cranberry Orange Salad 2 oranges (1 for garnish)

- 1 can jellied cranberry sauce
- 1 envelope plain gelatine ¼ cup cold water

Put orange, rind and all, through food chopper. Crush cranberry sauce with a fork and add. Soak gelatine in cold water 2 minutes; place cup with softened gelatine in pan of boiling water and heat until dissolved. Add to cranberry-orange mixture. Mix thoroughly. Turn into 6 individual custard cups and chill until firm. Unmold on crisp lettuce and endive. With a knife cut each mold almost through into thirds. Insert 3 quarter-inch wedge-shaped slices of orange section (spoke fashion). Serve with desired salad dressing. Serves 6.

#### Your Own Safety

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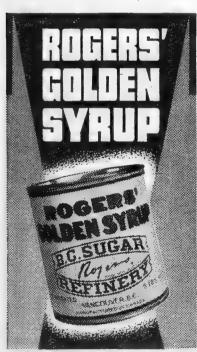
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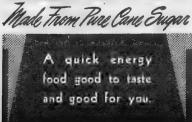
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### Don't overlook Scotch Tape



By LOUISE PRICE BELL

N wrapping Christmas gifts, do some experimenting this year with inexpensive Scotch tape. It comes in a bewilderingly wide array of colors and patterns, is easy to use, costs very little. And with it, you can work out some very original packages. Look at the packages shown; the lettering "Dad" is done by cutting short lengths of holly Scotch tape and applying it to a plain green box. Any name may be created in the same simple way. The corner decorations are very narrow strips applied thus to give a "finish". Above, at left, the entire decoration was done with tiny bits of red and green tape .... and isn't it effective? At the right, a white box was treated with red-and-green striped tape in a diagonal fashion — something so simple the youngest children could do it! On all of the boxes the decorations are made with Scotch tape, so give you an inkling of what you may do when once you start wrapping your gifts for under the tree.



have the advantage of knowing December as a beautiful month, beautiful in an austerity of clean, shining whiteness that is not known on streets of concrete and traffic, clanging noises and hordes of hurrying beings pos-sessed by a restless, nervous tension.

On a December morning as life begins to stir, the black sky twinkles with a million or so of white stars over the farm homes. Venus in the east is the brightest one, Sirius shines blue and Mars, appropriately, burns red. Smoke of early fires rises in the light of the crisp dawn like curled plumes, bacon (the home-grown variety, not out of a cellophane package) fries in skillets, and coffee bubbles. Frost ferns on windows disappear in the heat of the stove.

Outside, December magic has been at work. Crystal upon geometric crystal has fallen and now sunlight slants upon blueshaded snow. The old fields sparkle and glow, trees are garlanded and every bush wears in winter. glittering diamonds. The barnyard has lost its sombreness, sun and the fence wires hum a

ONCE again, the close of an-man-made wrecks are hidden other year! Prairie dwellers under the faultless - fitting the advantage of knowing blanket. There are sure to be many such mornings in December-I cannot count the number of times I have looked on these wonders. And in the early evening, the last pink sky of sunset reveals the exquisite dark tracery of bare trees against it. Lights come on in windows, wood-smoke again rises as the last meal of the day is prepared, cattle bawl, lighted lanterns flick here and there, and another December day draws to its close.

Usually winter saves its worst storms till January, which is just as well, with Christmas coming round the corner in full view of the calendar. And although it is in itself not a thing of the weather, albeit Christmas is inseparable in the mind of city and country-dweller alike from sleighs and tinkling bells (now alas, almost out of date) and a sparkling white country-side. Nearly all people prefer sow scenes for their greeting cards, though a good many of them never trod a country lane

There are other parts of our Dominion where Christmas the windmill fan is silver in the means evergreens, ivy and holly. Some of us have never seen a pretty little fugue. Even the holly tree, proud and glowing in posts are regal things in their its winter beauty. A fastidious white crowns and all the sorry character has the holly. It always wears its very best dress of dark, glossy leaves with red berries hanging in warm clus-ters which are to make countless homes joyful and resplendent with color, tradition and memory. It nudges its owners with the remembrance of their distant friends, and long may it

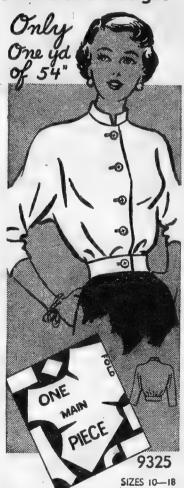
continue to do so.

For my part I am thankful that we live in a kindly, tolerant land where simple truths and good faith exist, in spite of the strife and ruthlessness that exist in many parts of the world today, and where there will be no Christmas spirit this year. 

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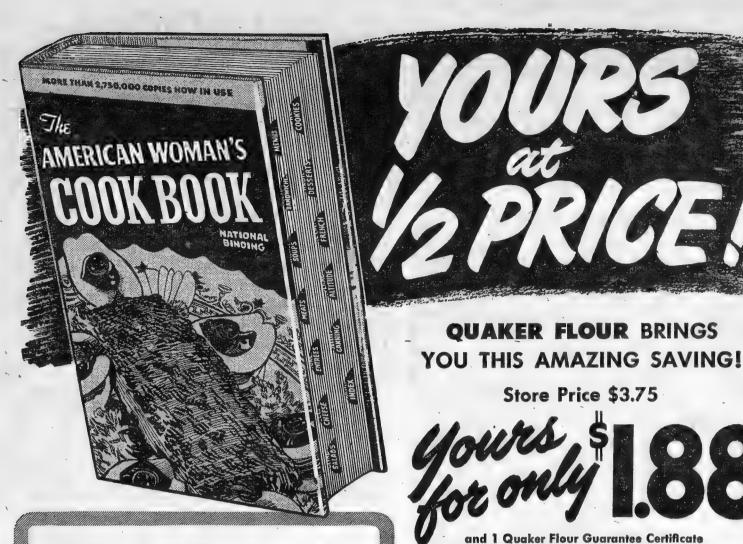
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Stir in 2 well-begten eggs

Stir in 3 cups once-sifted bread flour and beat until smooth; work in 3 cups more once-sifted bread flour Turn out on lightly-floured board and knead dough lightly until smooth and elastic. Place in greased bowl, brush top with melted butter or shortening. Cover and set dough in warm place, free from draught. Let rise until doubled in bulk. While dough is rising, combine

1½ cups brown sugar

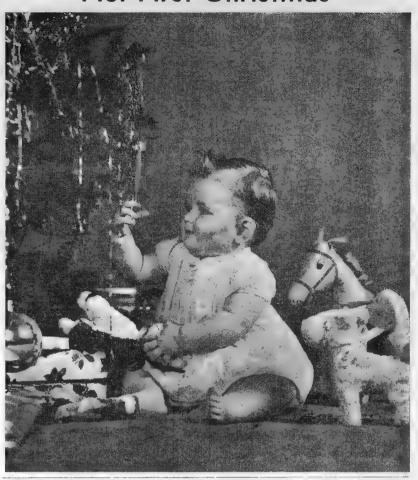
(lightly pressed down)

3 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 cup washed and dried seedless

Punch down dough and divide into 2 equal portions; form into smooth balls. Roll each piece into an oblong 1/4-inch thick and 16 inches long; loosen dough. Brush with melted butter or margarine. Sprinkle with raisin mixture. Beginning at a long edge, roll up each piece loosely, like a jelly roll. Cut into 1-inch slices. Place just touching each other, a cut-side up, in greased 7-inch round layer-cake pans (or other shallow pans). Grease tops. Cover and let rise until doubled in bulk. Bake in moderate oven 350°, 20-25 minutes. Serve hot, or reheated.



### Her First Christmas



#### Health Notes

# Those precious

months old he will have acquired most, if not all, of his first set of teeth. These 20 teeth are mighty precious possessions and should be protected by frequent brushings and regular visits to the dentist. Failure to take care of these foundation teeth may result in crooked, irregular dental troubles in later years.

#### Keeping the Goodness

NUTRITIONISTS tell us that to bring all the beauty and goodness of vegetables to the table they should be cooked only until tender. They should be cooked in a covered pan in the smallest possible amount of boiling water in the shortest posof folling water in the shortest possible time. Long cooking and exposure to air destroys valuable vitamin C in your food. Valuable minerals are thrown away when the cooking water goes down the drain. Your family — not the sink — needs these minerals. minerals. 

#### Finding vitamin "D"

Vitamin D is necessary for By the time your baby is 30 the development of strong bones and teeth in children. What you might not have heard is that a child's normal diet does not contain sufficient vitamin D to supply his needs. Vitamin D is available in cheap, easy-to-take preparations. It should be given every child throughout the growing years.

#### For work or play

Girls and women should learn to distinguish between "work" shoes and "play" shoes. For standing all day the feet need firm, comfortable support and a low heel, otherwise the balance of the whole body is upset and backache may be caused. Spike heels should be saved for danc-Your feet are the most ing. abused part of your body. Treat them to well-fitting, comfortable shoes.

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### The Dishpan Philosopher

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I no admire the tuneful bards who pen our cheerful Christmas cards. With good old words like joy and mirth, and peace and love and home and hearth, friendship and happiness and cheer, they weave new verses every year, and stir response in every heart — a very happy kind of art. I guess the Christmas artists too have got a bit of credit due. Their Santas, lanterns, bells and dogs, and icicles and red Yule logs, are all delightful Christmas fare which friends with friends and clickt to share all though no doubt need. with friends delight to share. Although, no doubt, poor postmen quail before the flood of Christmas mail.

With cards I get and cards I send each Christmas happy hours I spend. And in the months that lie between they serve to keep old memories green. With this I'll end my little scrawl — A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL.

#### I beliebe in Santa Claus

By ARKLEY LUCILLE O'FARRELL

SHE wore a pinafore, and big ribbon bows on her pigtails. She was "The Old Maid", very skinny, and very prim and not quite eight. And the subject of Santa Claus had suddenly become very important. Not just because it was so close to Christmas. Oh, dear, no! It was important because The Old Maid decided to find out the truth!

Now, as a matter of fact, mama had always told them the truth about Santa Claus. She remembered her own heart-break when as a disillusioned little Santa-believer she shed such bitter tears on discovering well, on discovering!

So she had always told The Old Maid and the brothers the truth about Santa Claus. And Christmas had always been very nice anyway. But this year The Old Maid began to wonder why there had been so many stories and songs and poems written about Santa if there wasn't any such person.

It wasn't logical. You don't write and sing about somebody that isn't. "There MUST be SOMEBODY," she declared to mama: "There would not be all that about him if there isn't any Santa. Let's find out for SURE!" 'But how?" asked mama.

"Well, when we go to the Christmas Tree at the school Christmas Eve we kids could hang up our stockings before we go. We never-come home until long after midnight so there's plenty of time for a real Santa to fill If they are filled, we'll know there is a Santa for sure. If they are empty we'll know there isn't." The Old Maid was very solemn about

"All right," said mama gravely, "but you mustn't be disappointed if the stockings are empty."

The plan was discussed at length that evening at the supper table. The brothers were only mildly inter-ested, one being just old enough to accept anything, the other too young to care much. Papa, however, was a

different matter. He very seriously doubted the myth about Santa and would be glad to have it proved one way or the other once and for all.

The children worked very hard making chains of colored paper rings and little doo-dads of tinfoil to hang around the bulge at the end of the living-room, which was the chimney, no less. They always decorated the chimney every Christmas but this year was more significant, since the place might be visited by the REAL Santa!

"You've always filled our stockings yourselves, you and papa, so maybe that's why he never came here," The Old Maid reasoned as she pasted rings — and herself — with flour rings — and herself — with paste. "Maybe," agreed mama.

Christmas Eve finally came, Christmas Eves have a habit of doing, and everybody got dressed in their best for the Christmas Tree. Just at early dark, papa drove the team and bob-sled up in front of the door, and they all climbed in, mama, The Old Maid, and the brothers.

"Hold these lines a minute while I go into the house to light my pipe," "I haven't a papa said to mama, match."

So mama took the lines and talked to the horses to quiet them, and the children waited impatiently for papa to fill his pipe. Such a long time it took! But finally they were off. The snow crackled under the sled runners, the bells on the horses jingled, and one by one the stars peeped out of the sky to see what it was all about.

The excitement of speaking pieces and singing songs, of seeing a Santa Claus who looked strangely like fat Mr. Jones who lived near the schoolhandy, like! — and the glory of the big Christmas tree with its flickering candles which some one with a pail of water and a sponge watched carefully, all quite drove any thoughts of the Great Experiment from the children's minds. In fact, worn and weary, the brothers actually fell asleep on the way home, experiment or no experiment.

Not so The Old Maid. Snug in the bottom of the sled, she blinked wisely at the stars that blinked right back at her but told her nothing. Not a single thing!

It was wonderful to come into the warm house out of the cold, and even more wonderful to just FEEL that Santa had been there, in that very room just a little while before, per-In the dark, The Old Maid stumbled across to the chimney. She groped for the stockings she and the brothers had hung there before they went to the Christmas Tree. She found them, and she squealed excite-"They're filled! Mama, they're

"Well, I declare!" said mama. She had the lamp lit by now and there, sure enough, in its glow three black stockings bulged under the chimney!

"I KNEW there was something in that story about Santa Claus!" said The Old Maid triumphantly.

And there followed such days of

magic as she had never known in all her eight long years of living. Playing with toys Santa's very own hands had touched, had even fashioned, and PUT INTO HER STOCKING HIM-SELF!

So The Old Maid lived in her magic world alone until one day much did you pay for these checkers, Papa?" asked a brother casually from the floor where he was playing with them, not according to rules.

"Oh, I don't remember: thirty-five cents, I think," replied papa absently. And the magic crackled dangerously

as The Old Maid pounced. "Then you DID buy these things yourself, after all!" she cried. And papa looked fit to be tied until he saw mama doubled up with laughter over her sewing.

For a moment The Old Maid stood in her shattered magic world, but for a moment only. Her lively imagination was stirred. How had those stockings got filled?

"I filled them during the day when you were all outside playing," mama laughingly explained. "Then you children hung up the empty mates to them. Remember when papa went into the house to fill his pipe? He switched the stockings, hanging up the filled ones, and hiding the others! That's how you came to find them filled." Then she added apologetically, "We were afraid you'd be so disappointed if you found them empty.

The Old Maid smiled happily. She had had her magic. And she had love that couldn't bear to see her disappointed. So ever since that day-

Ever since that day I've believed in Santa Claus! Well, why not? see, I WAS THE OLD MAID!

#### For Bad Cough Mix This Splendid Recipe, at Home

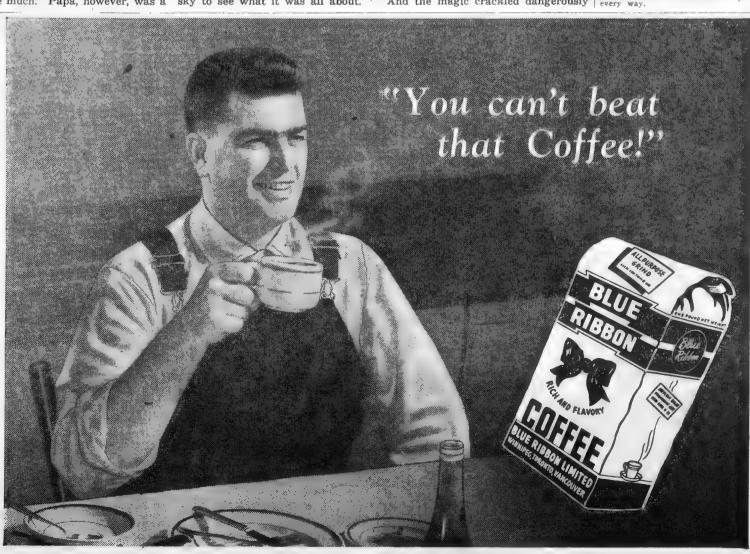
weeds No Cooking!

You'll be pleasantly surprised when you make up this easily prepared mixture and try it for a distressing cough. It is no trouble to mix, and costs but a trifle, yet it can be depended upon to give quick relief.

Make a syrup by stirring 2 cups of granulated sugar and 1 cup of water for a few moments until dissolved. No cooking needed. (Or you can use corn syrup or liquid honey, instead of sugar syrup.) Get a 2½ ounce bottle of Pinex from any druggist, put it into a 16 ounce bottle and fill up with your syrup. The 16 ounces thus made gives you four times as much cough medicine for your money, and is a very effective relief for coughs. Keeps perfectly and tastes fine.

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If you will brush your lower pie crust with egg white before filling, the crust will not become soggy during the baking of fruit and custard pies.

To keep the bottom of an iron slick, run it over waxed paper while the iron is hot.

When heating milk, have the an covered. The cover keeps pan covered. the milk dark while heating, and this helps save the important B-

plastics or on rubberized fabrics. frame at the lower corners.

### HANDY HINTS

By soaking them overnight in in cakes. Drain them well before using.

Give children empty wooden thread-spools for blowing soap bubbles. They do not break as easily as clay pipes.

To prevent pictures from marking up the wall, place a Never use cleaning fluids on thumb-tack on the back of the

fruit juices, candied fruits or are bread slices cut with a raisins may be softened for use doughnut cutter, brushed with butter, and toasted in the oven.

Jelly which has become sugary can be used to sweeten and ing the garment when the latter flavor dried prunes, peaches, or is first laundered. other fruits.

ing onion pieces in food, cut an onion into bits and place in a tea ball kept for that purpose. Remove tea ball when desired flavor is reached.

Candles can be made drip-proof by soaking them in a Strong salt-water solution a few Delicious served with salad hours. Do not wipe them after removing from solution.

Preshrinking rickrack by dipping and drying it right on the card will prevent it from pucker-

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Glue spots can be removed To add flavor and to avoid leav- from fabric by soaking the spots with hot water and soap and then wiping dry with a clean cloth. Repeat this operation as often as necessary to remove the glue spot from the fabric.

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# Handmade Yuletide Gifts

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body "special" whom we love, is indeed hard to excel!

It is the answer to that important question, "What shall we give to Mom, Dad, Sister, Brother, Granny and So-and-So?" And for everyone of our very dear ones, let us take out our nimble knitting needles and crafty crochet hooks and work along a plan this season to turn out some with embroidered bows and flowers wonderful and useful things as for a "Small Fry's" gift, and a draw-

#### Needles Click

With needles clicking we've tried to include the whole family in our selection, first starting off with Mom, how about a lacy bed jacket? Of course that would also be appropriate for the friend who is laid up temporarily in bed, and who loves to sit up and read. A grand gift for baby sister would be a pastel weollen blanket, or, a crochet baby set of booties, jacket and bonnet. For sister, there are knitted or crocheted slippers with ankle straps or ribbon run through the top for snug fitting. They are appropriate for after ski-ing or skating, or, for just plain cold feet when winter winds come howling around. Then there is the woollen scarf shawl for Granny that can be so cosy and warm.

Some of the jaunty new styles in Berets could be knitted for a school



girl friend with a matching knitted And you can think up some bag. interesting apron surprises fetching ways of trimming with applied patch-work designs.

The always pleasing rick-rack braid can doll up an apron to make the working hours gayer and make the wearer more attractive, even when bending over a hot stove or whipping up a stiff batter.

#### Something Useful

Useful gifts for the home are something that the homemaker appreciates, and we can think of nothing more welcome to beautify the kitchen, than hand decorated and stencilled salt and pepper boxes, trays, coffee and tea pots, tables and chairs or "what-nots" that can be combined at a minimum cost.

If Dad is a hard one to suit, when it comes to the annual Christmas necktie, here's a chance to give him something different . . . a tie that you have made yourself! You can get wonderful materials by the yard, and it is quite easy to do a professional job that will tie beautifully and hold its shape indefinitely.

The little sister will love a rag dolf with all the trimmings, including a wardrobe of a dress, bonnet, petticoat, quaint pantaloons and apron. And for the big sister, how about some matching closet accessories that will complement her room, or, for her very own dressing table, there's nothing smarter than a gay matched set of pin cushion, tray, picture frame and box? For the closet accessories, which we spoke of, some gay colored chintz will make an attractive shoebag as well as a dress shoulder cover.

All in the spirit of Christmas and babyhood, you can pretty-up a layette

string sleeper is easy to make, also bibs, band, kimono and slip.

#### Save the Pieces

For those of us who have been careful not to throw away any articles that might be useful in some new capacity, we can dig down in the old trunk for some old materials to make a new hooked-rug to throw before the family hearth for Christmas morning. Old fabrics seem to retain their true color and pattern in the passing of time, and can be reproduced into most artistic perceptions of indescribable charm for floor mats for the home.

Characteristic of the many designs to hook, are the central medallions of blossoms and wide elaborate borders on a rug of this type. Sometimes the medallion is silhouetted against an ivory background and surrounded by a black border with corner flower mo tifs, or, a simple nosegay motif which repeats itself along the edge to form a border.

#### Sturdy Rugs

Orderliness, thrift, and love of modest home decoration are clearly typified in a design of simple squares of braided cloth, homespun yarn and quaint stitchery, that will be effective for any homestead, and can be trod upon by generations of sturdy feet. A pair of such rugs can be used on either side of a four-poster bed with a matching coverlet of homespun.

The quality of a sturdy hooked rug depends not so much on the width of the strips that are hooked in, as on the closeness of the hooking. much burlap shows on the back, the rug will not be durable, for as it wears it will flatten out to paper. Loops will either pull out, if unclipped, or possibly fall out, if they are clipped. Another point to watch, is to hook your rug to within two inches of the edge of the burlap, and then turn the hem over and stitch.

Merry Christmas
We hope the above suggestions will
prove the makings for a wonderful
Christmas to all, and that they may be the most popular and useful gifts received this Yuletide Season!

Everyone of the articles are simple and easy to make, and it is sure to be lots of fun planning what gifts to make . . . there's no limit to their possibilities — you can make them simple or elaborate as your desire and ability dictates, and also Ring Out Your Personal Message, "Merry Christmas!"



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#### Prize **Pictures**

We have been snowed in by offerings of pictures by our readers. We have been forced to return scores of good ones simply because we had no space for them.

For the benefit of our camera fans here are some useful hints.

1. New fallen snow does not reproduce. It is a liability except in rare cases. So is hoar frost.

2. To be eligible for a \$5 or \$3 prize, a picture MUST tell a The characters must story. be working or playing NATUR- ANSWER:—Since that date ten ALLY. We don't want artificial kind friends of this department sent We don't want snapposes. shots of children staring at the camera.

3. Above all, pictures must be in SHARP FOCUS and be con-Dull or fuzzy photos trasty. cannot be reproduced.

#### LET'S ASK AUNT SAL

When you're stuck with household how's or why's,

Talk it over with a friend: Or write a letter to Aunt Sal,

And friendly help she'll send.

AS you all know, I'm sure, these columns have to be prepared well ahead of the date of publication and during November I got stuck away from the home base so did not have access to my files, therefore I shall not be able to mention many of the writers by their initials. However, before leaving home on this trip I replied to every letter personally so all inquiring friends have heard from me at least.

QUESTION:—In the October issue Mrs. W. R., Tiger Lily, Alta., asked for a recipe for homemade cheese. Remember?

in their recipes for cheese. Everyone of them sounded downright good, and I wish we had the room to put them all in print for your perusal. I chose several recipes from the collection and forwarded them to Mrs. W. R. She can take her pick. If any of the rest of you would like any of these recipes, remember a stamped, self-

addressed envelope mailed to me will bring it to you.

QUESTION:-Time and again I recompiled by women's groups that I can recommend.

ANSWER:-During the past month another such fine cooking guide was sent to me. I studied it carefully and tried out a number of its mouthwatering recipes before putting an enthusiastic O.K. on it. So here it is, friends. COOK BOOK BY THE HANNA UNITED CHURCH. It is priced at \$1.00, and it is a very at-sandwiches — cut them with tractive edition to grace any home cookie cutters or like jigsaw cook's culinary shelf. There is the puzzles. Try a pow 611 jigsaw cunningest original designs cunningest original design on the front cover and blank pages inter-spaced throughout the book allow room for pasting of clippings. Address your orders to MRS. MAR-JORIE ARGUE, HANNA, ALTA.

QUESTION:--Why does my homemade soap "separate"? And what can I do about it?

ANSWER: -- Like the former "cheese" question I admit I've had no experience with making soap, but a friend of mine who has, tells me this lady "beat" her soap too much to make it separate. What do the rest of you soap-makers think about it? Your help is solicited.

QUESTION: - Another question touching on the same subject runs thus: My soap looks and feels fine and makes a generous suds but why does a film a grease rise to the surface of the water when we use this soap?

ANSWER: — Calling all makers! I shall be delighted to hear from you on both of the above queries relating to this old-time art of soap making.

QUESTION: - I soaked a good damask tablecloth in a brand new tin pail filled with mild bleach; (1) Why did rust stains form on it? (2) How can I get these off best?

ANSWER:-I can't give you all the formula of the chemical action that took place to bring rust stains from the new clean pail onto the cloth, but I can tell you how to prevent this from occurring again. Rub the insides of the pail with a soft cloth dampened with glycerin. To get the rust stains off, lemon juice and salt are still very popular. To make this are still very popular. To make this team work faster hold the dampened stains over the steam from the tea kettle. Another fine agent is cream of tartar. Moisten the rust stains and rub with cream of tartar; roll it up for about an hour then wash in sudsey water.

NOTE:-All readers are invited to send in their home-making questions to Aunt Sal. If you wish a private reply enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Address your letters to AUNT SAL, care of The Farm and Ranch Review, Calgary, Alberta.

#### School Lunch is a Vital Problem

ONE of the most important items of the fall school opening, and one of the countless worries it brings to the homemaker, is the preparation of school lunches. Not only do the lunch-toters demand variety, but they must also have nutritious food.

culture suggests each school Allo lunch contain milk; some meat, filled.

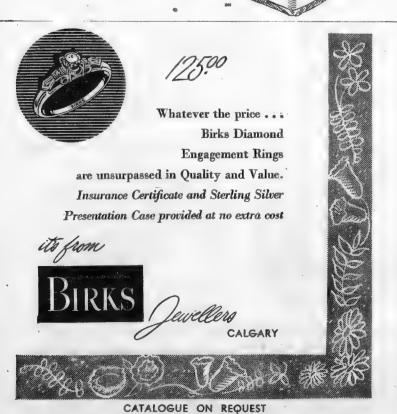
fish, eggs, dried beans or peanut butter; a vegetable or fruit, or both; breads, fats, or sweets to round it out.

If the school child cannot buy ceive inquiries about good cook books milk at school or where lunch is eaten, include it as milk, soup or cocoa in a thermos. The home economists of the Department suggest milk in puddings can be taken along in small mayonnaise jars or waxed paper containers, but be sure the lid is on tight!

To handle the demand for variety, produce odd designs in in a while.

MANY young people are inclined to think of sleep as time wasted. Actually sleep is necessary for the repairing and rebuilding of the body cells. Sleep is also the only time when the mind is at rest for, the minute we awake, whether we remain resting or not, our minds are immediately plunged into activity. Almost everyone needs eight hours sleep a day to remain happy and healthy. Remember, sleep combats fatigue and is essential to good health. Take all you need.

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#### APPLE DUMPLINGS

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- teaspoon salt
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 3 tablespoons shortening
- cup milk
- 6 medium apples
- 6 tablespoons mincemeat or jam

Mix and shift flour, salt and baking powder. Cut in shortening. Add milk to make a soft biscuit dough. Roll out 1/4 inch thickness. Cut dough in six squares. Pare and core apples and place one on each dough square.
Fill centres of apples with mincemeat or jam. Draw dough up around apples, pierce in several places with a fork. Place on a greased dish and bake in a moderate oven 350° F., until apples are tender, about 40 minutes. Serve with cream or a hot pudding sauce. Yield: Six servings.

#### DISCOVERY BARS

- 1½ cups sifted flour ½ cup sugar
- teaspoon baking powder
- cup shortening teaspoon vanilla extract
- egg, beaten cup milk

Sift together flour, sugar and baking powder. Cut or rub in shorten-Combine vanilla extract, egg ing. and milk. Add to flour mixture. well. Spread one-third of batter into

Cover Spread with remaining batter. Bake in moderately hot oven (400° F.) 25 to 30 When cool, cut into bars. minutes.

#### DATE FILLING

- ½ cup hot water
- ½ cup sugar
- cup chopped dates
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice

Combine hot water, sugar and dates in saucepan. Cook until thick. Cool. Add lemon juice. Yield: 16 Bars, 1 x

#### COTTAGE PUDDING

- ¼ cup shortening
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- cup milk
- cups flour
- 21/2 level teaspoons baking powder
- teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Cream the shortening. 'Add the sugar, vanilla and beaten egg, and beat well. Stir in part of milk, alternating with the flour, salt and baking powder, which have been sifted together, until all is used. Bake in loaf pan'in a moderate oven. Serve with warm fruit sauce or a plain sauce. Frozen fruits are good on it, too, when used as a short cake.

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# AUNT SAL SUGGESTS

December is the happy month, That brings us Christmas Day:

Let's try to do each Yuletide task,

In a joyous sort of way.

used to be that the two colors, red and green, were set aside as typical Christmas colors, but more and more in recent years these commonplace colors have been overshadowed by the gleam of tinsel until now it almost seems as if the whole Yuletide set-up were swamped in a bed of glitter. Isn't it about time we asked ourselves, "Is there too much tinsel in our observance of Christmas?

When we use the word "tinsel" we can think of it in its broadest sense and that is: "Something with an attractive sparkle ... but no true value." That is the way the dictionary defines the word and it challenges our attention. It is generally conceded that Christmas belongs mostly to the children and no person with a grain of heart would want to rob the trusting small fry of their Santa Claus. Please don't call me Preachy Prue if I suggest we are decking too much tinsel again if we let Santa precedence over the Christ Child!

Have you noticed that many folk who talked as if the one unforgivable sin was to be old-fashioned have started resurrecting old-time customs again! I have. And it did my heart good.

Even in the matter of foods and how to serve them many heartily agree that "the old ways are best."

In the pages of a very ultra modern magazine I ran across the most

appealing picture . . . 'twas a treat to the eye and the palate alike. mammoth turkey roasted to a golden image of delicacy. And all that made up the garnish on the oversized platter were tiny green sprigs of parsley and a necklace of ruby red cran-berries. Just the jolly old red and green color scheme of yore.

I have seen other roasted turkeys all dolled up in silly tissue paper cuffs and collars and freakish dood dads of fruit and nuts that managed to make the robust fowl look like a very silly bird indeed. A turkey to be worthy of the name shouldn't only be filled to the bursting point with the best dressing you know how to make, it should have dignity and poise. And show me either a man or beast that could retain a dignified mien and be forced to wear tissue paper frills and furbelows!

All homemakers delight in trying out new ideas . . . new recipes and new ways of making their tasks lighter and happier. But in their seeking of the new they mustn't be too hasty in casting off the old! There is no time of the year when tradition plays as big a part as at Christmas time. There are unessential details that lend themselves to variation but to the children who are headed home for the big day with their mouths all shaped ready to eat Mother's turkey ... plum pudding ... fruit cake ... sugar cookies ... just the way she's always prepared them, what a let down it will be to find that this year Mother's decided to "go modern" and serve them an entirely new menu.

(Don't do it, mother, if you value the feelings of your adoring family!) Bye bye for new . . and every good wish for Christmas.



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#### MAGIC CHRISTMAS CAKE

2 cups seedless raisins cup currants
i 1/2 cups separated seeded

raisins

11/2 cups drained red maraschino or candied cherries (or a mixture of red cherries and green candied cherries)

1 cup almonds 1½ cups slivered or

chopped mixed candied peels and citron

1/2 cup cut-up candied pineapple or other candied fruits tbsp. finely-chopped candied ginger

cups sifted pastry flour or 2½ cups sifted hard-wheat flour 1½ tsps. Magic Baking

¾ tsp. salt

1/2 tsps. ground cinnamon 1 cup cut-up pitted dates 1/2 tsp. grated nutmeg 1/2 tsp. ground ginger 1/4 tsp. ground mace

1/4 tsp. ground cloves cup butter 11/4 cups lightly-packed

6 eggs 1/4 cup molasses 1/3 cup cold strong coffee



Wash and dry the seedless raisins and currants. Wash and dry the seeded raisins, if necessary, and cut into halves. Cut cherries into halves. Blanch the almonds and cut into halves. Prepare the dates, peels and citron, candied pineapple or other fruits, and ginger. Sift together 3 times, the flour, Magic Baking Powder, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger, mace and cloves; add prepared fruits and nuts, a few at a time, mixing until fruits are separated and coated with flour. Cream the butter; gradually blend in the sugar. Add unbeaten eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition; stir in molasses. Add flour mixture to creamed mixture alternately with coffee, combining thoroughly after stir in molasses. Add flour mixture to creamed mixture alternately with coffee, combining thoroughly after each addition. Turn batter into a deep 8-inch square cake pan that has been lined with three layers of heavy paper and the top layer greased with butter; spread evenly. Bake in a slow oven 300°, about 2% to 3 hours. Let cake stand in its pan on a cake cooler until cold. Store in a crock, or wrap in waxed paper and store in a tin. A few days before cake is to be cut, top with almond paste and ornamental icing; just before cutting, cake may be decorated attractively.

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It is the carbon content that gives to a certain extent the arc its sound. A low carbon content electrode will give a softer arc than a high carbon. One of the latest theories on arc welding seems to have proved that it is for instance not possible to weld overhead with a carbon-free electrode on carbon-free steel. The carbon in the electrode during welding, this theory claims, combines with the oxygen in the air to form carbon monoxide, and this seems to happen in the form of small explosions. It is these explosions that give the arc its sound and propels the metal from the electrode to the base metal.

Modern electrodes can be identified from their classification numbers as set up by the American Welding Society (A. W.S.) and the Canadian Standard Association (C.S.A.) the 'E' denotes that the electrode is for Electric Arc Welding. The first two figures indicate the minimum tensile strength in thousands of points-E60 . The third figure tells us what position this electrode may be used in:

1. All positions.

2. Horizontal and flat only.

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E6011 — This electrode was developed for A.C. transformers because E6010 can not be used

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E6012 — This is a general purpose electrode usually tan or light brown in color. Good electrode for building up and poor fit-up. Penetration is lower than either E6010 or E6011. The physical properties of this rode are poorer than most other types.

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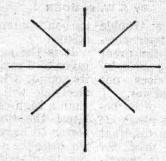
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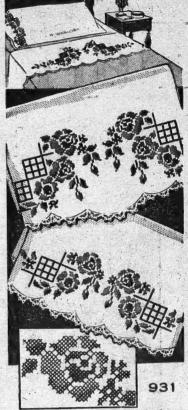
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